



Laguna Beach

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News Details

Wood Burning Fireplace Retro-fits

At the December 10th City Council meeting, the Laguna Beach City Council voted to encourage the voluntary use of the suggested fireplace retrofit products due to the environmental benefits. An existing wood burning fireplace can be quickly adapted with an EPA phase II retro-fit device that will greatly reduce the smoke emissions from your wood-burning fireplace.

"During the wintertime, residential wood smoke is a main contributor to fine particle pollution and is responsible for poor air quality days in many areas," according to Leigh Herrington from the EPA. EPA-qualified fireplaces emit 70% less pollution than unqualified models, and EPA-qualified retrofits may also significantly reduce emissions from existing fireplaces.

The EPA encourages:

- *Installing EPA-qualified fireplace in new construction and remodeling*
- *Using EPA-qualified retrofit devices in existing fireplaces*
- *Converting to gas alternatives*
- *Educating people to burn only dry, seasoned wood with 20% moisture or less*

To learn more about the EPA Burn Wise Program and Qualified Wood Burning Fireplace Retro-Fit Devices, please visit their website: <http://epa.gov/burnwise>

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