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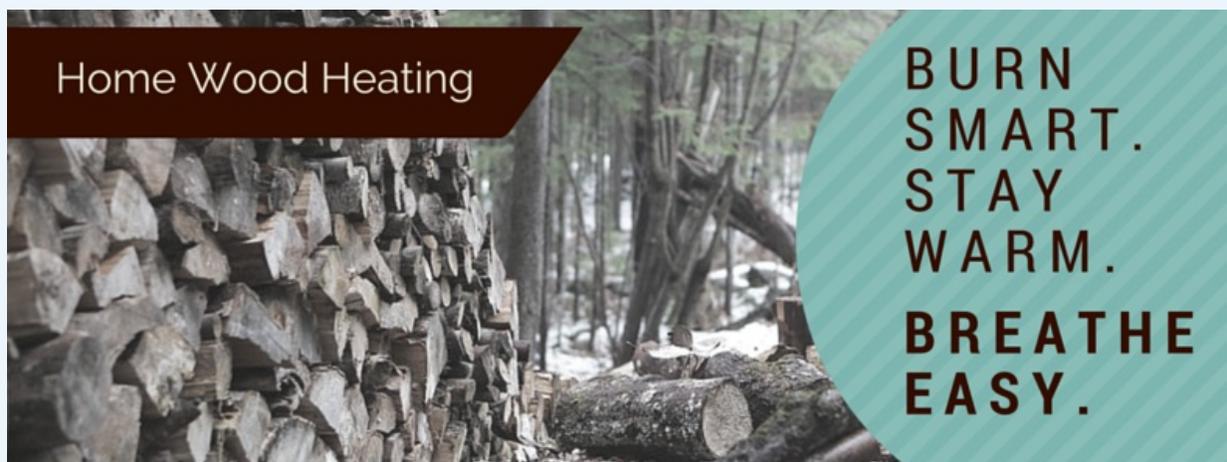


Greetings!

Happy New Year! With the first month of 2018 under our belts, we are excited and optimistic that the rest of the year provides as productive as January.

For the most part, we've experienced a pretty mild winter (knock on wood!) although we did see a prolonged air stagnation period in early December. We've seen a huge growth in people's understanding of our mandatory Home Wood Heating advisories in Eugene, Springfield, and Oakridge with lots of people applying clean burning methods. Thank you for your continued support and compliance this winter.

Red Advisory Days and Smoke Bans



As the temperature cooled down, smoke bans fired up

A period of air stagnation last month brought on an influx of red home wood heating advisory days.

The air stagnation, which is categorized by little to no wind and rain, began on December 5th and lasted throughout the rest of the month. The air stagnation resulted in pollution accumulating at ground level and generally poor air quality in the Willamette Valley. To minimize the pollution as much as possible, LRAPA called five smoke ban days in Eugene and Springfield, and seven in Oakridge throughout December. During this time, no visible smoke was allowed from chimneys for 24 hours, except in the case of an economic exemption.

Over the air stagnation period, there were 110 complaints and enforcement stops in Eugene and Springfield. 3 citations were issued, 60 stops and interactions, 23 visits with educational materials, and 15 homes were already in compliance at the time of the enforcement visits. We are happy to report that follow-up visits resulted in 87% compliance.

[The Home Wood Heating Advisory](#) is still in effect daily until the end of May. We ask people to check before they burn wood on our website or by calling the hotline: 541-746-4328. People can also opt into our [text/e-mail alert service that only notifies people on Red Smoke Ban Days.](#)

Revised Outdoor Burning Rules



Recent revisions to Title 47: Open (Outdoor) Burning

LRAPA recently revised and updated the rules regarding residential outdoor burning. The rule changes intend to clarify existing terminology and update boundaries and requirements to match existing local city ordinances.

The updated rules include several new restrictions that ban the burning of leaves or grass clippings, clothes, and cardboard. Additionally, outdoor burning in barrels is now prohibited. The rules also now require residents within the Oakridge Urban Growth Boundary to be subject to the same outdoor burning prohibitions and exemptions as Oakridge City Limit residents. A full list of the rule changes can be found at <http://www.lrapa.org/271/Adopted-Rules>

LRAPA is also considering revising the outdoor burning rules further, including a proposed rule that would increase the minimum acreage requirement to burn in the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary. Citizens are encouraged to comment on the proposed rule changes by leaving a written comment on the LRAPA website, or by attending the hearing on February 8th, 2018. More details can be found here at <http://www.lrapa.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=82>

Revised Industrial/Permitting Rules

Revised Industrial Rules

View full rule
changes



Recent revisions to Industrial and Permitting Rules

LRAPA also adopted a comprehensive set of rule changes at the January 11, 2018 Board meeting. When permits are renewed or modified, LRAPA has been and will be including the new aspects of the rules into permits that are affected by the adopted changes. These changes mostly affect larger permitted sources on Title V Operating Permits and Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDPs). However, there are also changes that affect smaller to mid-sized facilities on Basic, General and Simple ACDPs.

The more significant changes that affect or will affect permitted sources are:

- Updates to the particulate matter emission standards;
- Retention of the 3-minute aggregate basis for opacity standards (DEQ changed to a 6-minute average basis); and
- ACDP fee increase: A 10% one-time increase and 4% annual increase (July 1st each year) in the ACDP fee schedule that will mostly affect 2019 annual fees due 12/1/18. The Board's Resources Committee recommended and the Board approved a 10% increase in LRAPA ACDP fees at the October 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The Board approved an annual 4% increase in ACDP fees on July 1st of each year in lieu of the current increase by the CPI.

For more information about LRAPA's rule changes, please contact your permit writer, inspector or this office at permitting@lrapa.org or 541-736-1056. LRAPA's staff directory is on our website at this location: <http://www.lrapa.org/Directory.aspx>

Welcome our new Board Member, Charlie Hanna!

LRAPA welcomes our new board member, Charlie Hanna!

Charlie is a professional mechanical engineer, with B.S. from Temple University, Philadelphia. Charlie has a background in energy engineering and sustainability, working closely with globally known clients to help them achieve their Carbon and Energy Reduction goals. Charlie got his start in engineering with a local firm. Currently, Charlie works as measurement and verification engineer with Honeywell Building Technologies.

Charlie and his wife Garian have two children, actually, three children, if you count their dog, Nelly. They enjoy climbing, cycling and anything involves the outdoors. Charlie has been focused on his martial arts training and when he's not busy, he's researching sustainable energy and transport alternatives and astronomy. He's looking forward to driving their first electric car in the coming year and glad that won't be making stops at the gas station anymore.



Charlie Hanna, PE, CEM

LRAPA's 50th Anniversary

50 Years of Protecting Clean Air in Lane County

2018 will commemorate LRAPA's 50th anniversary! Since its inception in 1968, LRAPA has worked to maintain and improve air quality in Lane County to protect public health, community well-being, and the environment.

Created before the Oregon Department of Environment Quality, LRAPA remains the only local air authority in the state of Oregon to this day. Since its inception, LRAPA has broadened its focus include residential sources of air pollution rather than just industrial sources. Over the years, LRAPA has consistently helped lower particulate matter and ozone level to improve general air quality and meet national standard.

LRAPA would like to thank Lane County for being home and giving us a wonderful 50 years. Here's to 50 more!

Congratulations to Max Hueftle!

Max Hueftle Recognized by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists

LRAPA's Permit Section Manager, Max Hueftle, was recently certified as a Board Certified Environmental Engineer in the specialty of Air Pollution Control by the AAEEES. Max will be featured in the AAEEES' 2018 Edition of Who's Who in Environmental Engineering and Science and will be one of the few BCEE's in Oregon. Congratulations, Max!



GreenLane February Luncheon: Clean Air Affair

Lunch and Learn with LRAPA

Want to learn more about local air quality? Join LRAPA and GreenLane Sustainable Business Network for a luncheon on February 7th. LRAPA's Director and Public Affairs Manager will share why 2017 was such a record-breaking year for air quality and how business and individual can do their part to improve and maintain Lane County's air. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://greenlane-sbn.org/event/clean-air-affair-lane-regional-air-protection-agency/>.

February
greenlane
Sustainable Business Network
Luncheon

Wednesday, February 7 - 11:30 - 1:00

CLEAN AIR AFFAIR

LRAPA will share the latest air quality trends and present what we, as individuals, can do to help protect our air.

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