

**Yolo-Solano AQMD**  
**Rule 2.40**  
**Woodburning Appliances**  
**UPDATE**

The District is aware that some companies are marketing devices as “EPA Exempt,” “EPA Certified Exempt,” or “35-to-1 Exempt.” These devices are prohibited and not to be installed in our jurisdiction.

**Why can't I install an “exempt” wood burning device?**

Two rules affect the installation of wood burning appliances in the District. The first is a U.S. EPA rule that applies nationwide. The second is local Rule 2.40 which was adopted by the District’s Board of Directors in an effort to reduce emissions from woodsmoke. Units marketed as “exempt” are exempt from the federal rule, but are prohibited by the local District rule. Consequently, installation of these units is not allowed in the District’s jurisdiction.

**What is the difference between the EPA rule and the local rule?**

The EPA rule applies only to the sale of “heaters,” and does not apply to fireplaces. The District rule regulates all types of wood burning appliances, including fireplaces. Units marketed as “exempt” fall under the local rule’s definition of a wood burning appliance.

**What happens if I purchase one of these devices?**

If you purchase a stove or device and it does not meet the requirements of the District rule, you are prohibited from installing it under Rule 2.40. If you do install it, you are potentially subject to an enforcement action for which there is a fine.

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