

HOT INFO ABOUT OUTDOOR FIRES

WOOD AND ONLY WOOD

DON'T GO AGAINST THE GRAIN. If it's not clean, dry wood, it's dangerous, toxic and illegal.



Household trash; cardboard, plastics, colored magazines, boxes and wrappers



Coated, painted and pressure-treated wood



Driftwood, plywood, particle board or wood with glue on or in it



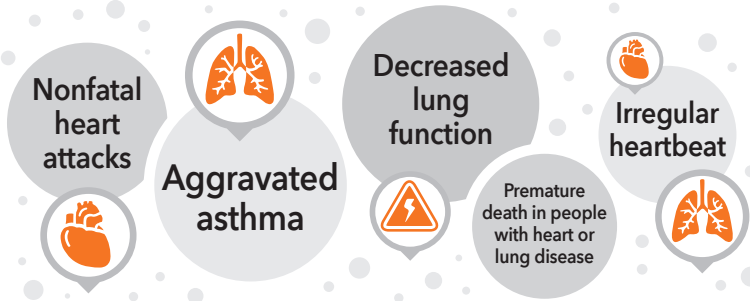
Wet, rotted, diseased or moldy wood



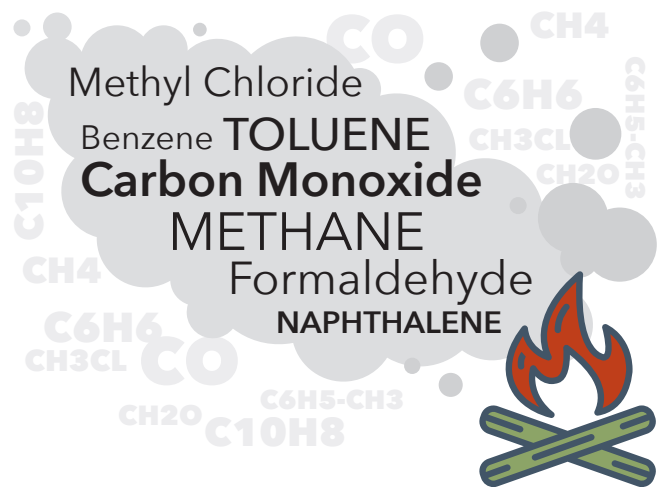
Plastic, asbestos, rubber, manure and animal remains

THE UNSEEN DANGERS OF FINE PARTICULATE POLLUTION

Particulate matter contains droplets that are so small they can be inhaled and cause serious health problems. These particles can get deep into your lungs or even into your bloodstream. Exposure to these particles has been linked to a variety of problems including:



WHAT'S IN WOOD SMOKE? WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S...



HOW DO YOU CHOOSE YOUR WOOD? UNSEASONED VS. SEASONED

SEASONED WOOD

Has 20% or less water content and has been cut, split and stored off the ground and protected from water for 6 months to a year

- Easy to start
- Produces more heat & light
- Produces less smoke & odor



UNSEASONED WOOD

Up to half the weight of freshly cut wood is from stored water

- Most of fire's energy goes to evaporate retained liquid
- Produces a low temperature, slow burning, smoldering fire
- Can be very smoky

WHY CHILDREN & SMOKE DON'T MIX



- Their respiratory systems are still developing
- They breathe more air (and air pollution) per pound of body weight than adults
- They're more likely to be active outdoors

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AND THERE IS

Common sense restrictions make it easy to make smarter, healthier and more neighborly choices. Of course, if you can't abide by the law, there may be fines for offenses.



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