

Wood heating is an important source of pollution and one of the main causes of wintertime smog.

In addition to the impact on the environment and air quality, pollutants from burning wood can adversely affect health and aggravate asthma, childhood bronchitis and lung cancer, and may even hasten death for persons suffering from chronic heart or respiratory disease.

The city is tightening its restrictions on solid-fuel-burning appliances because of the risk to public health. Your compliance is mandatory.

Solid-fuel-burning appliances include stoves, furnaces, heaters, and prefabricated or conventional fireplaces, designed to burn wood logs or other solid materials such as ecological logs, pellets or coal.

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If you have a solid-fuel-burning appliance or fireplace, you must:

- Declare its installation, replacing or removing.
- Not use it when there are smog warnings, beginning immediately.

On October 1, 2018, you must:

- Stop using it completely, unless it is recognized by an organization identified in schedule B to the by-law, as part of a certification process (EPA or CSA/B415.1-10), establishing that it has an emission rate equal to or less than 2,5 g/hr¹ of fine particles into the atmosphere.

Please note that the by-law authorizes the use of all solid-fuel-burning appliances during electricity outages that last more than three hours.

EPA or CSA/B415.1-10 certification

If your fireplace or appliance is EPA or CSA certified, this information should appear on the appliance itself, on a certificate or in the operating manual. Appliances (stoves and fireplaces) that are not EPA or CSA certified do not meet the emission standard of 2,5 g/hr¹. For more information, visit the City of Montreal website (ville.montreal.qc.ca/woodburning).

The by-law 15-069 came into force on August 24, 2015.

1 g/hr = gram/hour

This document is a summary of certain provisions. Make sure that you get any specific information about the by-law from an official City of Montreal source

For more information, please call 311, or consult the environment section of the city's website.

In all 19 boroughs

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