

Quick View

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY SMOKE REDUCTION ZONE PROGRAMS



airsafepiercecounty.org



AIRSAFE PIERCE COUNTY PARTNERS

Lead Agency:

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Washington State Department of Ecology
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Pierce County
City of Tacoma

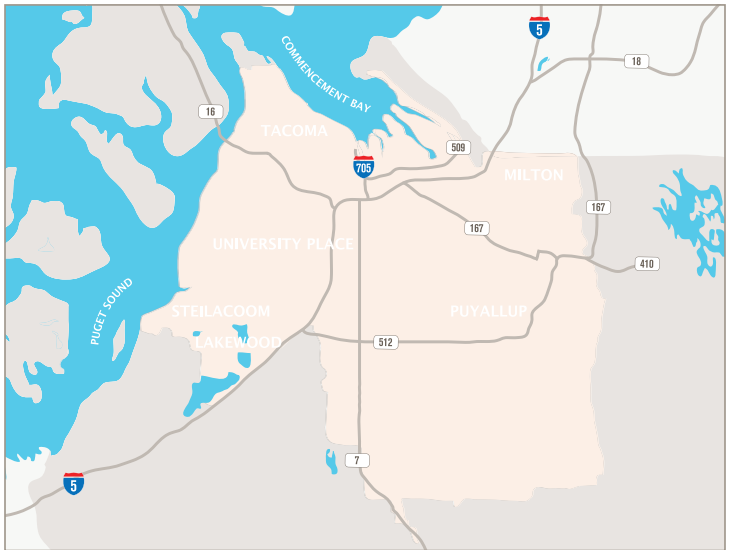
airsafepiercecounty.org

We are one of only 32 communities in the country that violates federal air quality standards for fine particle pollution. Wintertime wood smoke is the biggest contributor to this problem. New programs will reduce pollution within the Tacoma-Pierce County Smoke Reduction Zone, including enhanced burn ban enforcement and wood stove replacement assistance.

PIERCE COUNTY HAS A POLLUTION PROBLEM.



TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY SMOKE REDUCTION ZONE



Fine particle pollution “nonattainment area” designated by U.S. EPA in 2009

IN THE ZONE

- 53% of wintertime pollution is wood smoke in the Zone
- 24,000 highly polluting uncertified stoves
- Fine particles pose serious health risks
- Potential business and economic consequences
- 533,000 people living in 220,000 households, within 11 jurisdictions

THE SOLUTIONS

ENHANCED BURN BAN ENFORCEMENT

- Increase in patrol staff from 8 to 70 through interlocal agreement with local jurisdictions (Tacoma, University Place, Lakewood, Puyallup, Pierce County)
- Addition of evening patrols when most burning occurs
- Violations may result in fines up to \$1,000 (significant reductions available for first-time violators)

WOOD STOVE PROGRAM

- \$2.7 million available through June 30, 2015
- Pre-1995 wood stoves eligible for replacement and/or buy-back
- Free replacement available for low income households
- Removal goal: at least 5,000 stoves by 2017
- Uncertified or pre-1995 wood stove eligible for replacement and/or buy-back (up to \$350)
- \$1,500 incentive for purchase of cleaner heating device

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Burn ban alerts by email and text message (text “piercebarn” to 313131)
- “Air. On the Safe Side” multi-media outreach campaign
- Joint partnership with local and state agencies and organizations
- Resources available at:

airsafepiercecounty.org

