



# WOOD BURNING APPLIANCES/FIREPLACES

THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO BUILDING PERMITS SUBMITTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014

## BUILDING DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

A permit is required for all new wood burning appliances or fireplaces and shall be obtained prior to installation. Following is a listing of the general requirements for new wood burning appliances or fireplaces based on the 2013 California Green Building Code and the Sunnyvale Municipal Code section 16.43.030. This brochure is intended to provide general information, contact the Building Safety Division for any questions or additional information.

- All new wood burning appliances/fireplaces (including stoves and pellet stoves) shall comply with the U.S. EPA Phase II emission limits.
- Existing and lawful wood burning appliances/fireplace can remain and can be repaired or remodeled.
- The following types of materials shall not be used as fuel in wood burning appliances/fireplaces:
  - garbage
  - treated wood
  - paints
  - coal
  - particle board
  - plastic products
  - paint solvents
  - rubber products
  - glossy or colored papers
  - waste petroleum products
  - salt water driftwood

## PERMIT PROCESS

### Building Permit Review

1. Building permits are required most wood burning appliance/fireplace installations and can be obtained at the One-Stop Permit Center. The One-Stop Permit Center is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.

### Inspections

2. A rough inspection may be required if any wall framing is altered or any plumbing lines are added or extended.
3. The final inspection is required after all the work is completed.

### Building Permit Application Requirements (3 copies of each item)

- A completed Building Permit Worksheet application (available at the One-Stop Permit Center or on-line at [www.SunnyvaleBuilding.com](http://www.SunnyvaleBuilding.com))
- A floor plan showing the existing and proposed conditions, including the location of the wood burning appliances/ fireplace.
- Manufacturer's information for the wood burning appliance/ fireplace showing the unit complies with the U.S. EPA Phase II emission limits.
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