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## Is Wood a Sole Source of Heat? Register Now

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Homeowners along the Wasatch Front, Cache and Tooele counties who use woodstoves or other solid fuel burning devices as their only source of heat must register with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality’s Division of Air Quality (DAQ) between now and June 1 in order to burn wood on mandatory no burn days.

The so-called “sole source” registry reopens today. Homeowners must apply to be on this registry using this online registration form:

<http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Compliance/Solidfuel/SSHeatingApplication.htm>

An air quality compliance officer will inspect homes to make sure it qualifies for the registry. The sole source of heat means the solid fuel burning device is the only available source of heat for the entire residence, excluding space heaters. It applies only to residential living spaces; not shops, businesses or out-buildings where any commerce occurs. The registry only applies to homeowners living in the areas of the state that do not meet federal health standards for wintertime particulate pollution.

The Utah Legislature last year appropriated \$500,000 to provide homeowners with financial assistance to switch out old woodstoves or other devices for natural gas, propane or electric. The money is reserved for those on the sole source registry and is on a first-come first-served basis.

“There are many options available to homeowners to convert to cleaner methods to heat their homes. The Utah Clean Air Partnership, or UCAIR, has provided money to Breathe Utah to use for grants that have helped with conversions. We are pleased that the Division of Air Quality can also provide some financial assistance, as well,” said Air Quality Director Bryce Bird.

The registry serves to provide DAQ with a list of homeowners exempt from the mandatory action days when people are prohibited from using their solid fuel burning devices due to poor air quality.

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