

Air Emergency for the Mendenhall Valley - Effective Immediately ⚠️

Due to the unhealthy air quality levels in the Mendenhall Valley caused by current weather conditions, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) is required to issue an Air Emergency, effective immediately.

The area covered by this Air Emergency extends from the Airport north to the Mendenhall Glacier, west to Montana Creek, south along the east shore of Auke Lake, and includes the east half of the Mendenhall Peninsula.

What does this mean?

The Air Emergency means that all woodstove and fireplace burning in the Mendenhall Valley is prohibited except for pellet stoves, until the Air Emergency is cancelled.

Why is CBJ calling an Air Emergency?

Over the past 24 hours particulate matter has exceeded standards for air quality and is unhealthy for people with respiratory issues, requiring CBJ to call an Air Emergency. When inhaled, fine particulates from woodsmoke can lodge themselves deep into the lungs and bloodstream and significantly impact children, elders, and those with breathing difficulties.

Staff will keep monitoring the concentration throughout the night and into tomorrow. This emergency will be canceled as soon as the levels return to healthy standards. We appreciate the community's

For an update on the status of this Air Emergency, please call 907-586-5252, option 4, visit juneau.org/lands/air-quality or stay tuned to this page.