

**Frequently Requested
Phone Numbers and
Websites:**

East Helena Lead Program

406-457-8583

Environmental Health

406-447-8355

Cooperative Health Clinic

406-443-2584

City of East Helena

406-227-5321

Consumer Product Safety
Commission:

800-638-2772

www.cpsc.gov

Centers for Disease Control
[www.cdc.gov/nceh/programs/
lead/lead](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/programs/lead/lead)

EPA

406-457-5000

Lewis and Clark County

www.co.lewis-clark.mt.us

Montana DEQ

www.deq.mt.gov

**Lewis and Clark
County's Burning
Regulations**

The Lewis and Clark
County Outdoor Air Quality
Regulations govern the
use of solid-fuel burning

devices like fireplaces and
wood-burning stoves in the
Helena Valley. Under
these rules, you may be
required to restrict burning
when the air quality in the
Helena Valley is
considered "poor."

The health department
monitors air quality year-
round and notifies the
public of its status using
the designations "good,"
"watch," and "poor."

Air quality is most likely to
be poor during the winter,
when weather inversions
trap wood smoke and
vehicle exhaust under a
layer of warm air. Wood
stoves have been
identified as the primary
source of particulate
pollution during inversions.

The purpose of the
Outdoor Air Quality
Regulations is to protect
public health and keep
particulate levels below
the standard required by
the U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency
(EPA).

Outdoor burning is
regulated by the
Montana Department of
Environmental Quality.
For more information, call
1-800-225-6779.

Monitor Air Quality

During the winter, air
quality can change within
hours from Good to Poor.
To avoid violating burning
restrictions or incurring
civil penalties, check the
status of air quality in one
of these ways:

- **Call the 24-hour
Air Quality
Hotline, 406-447-
1644**
- Check local media
for air-quality
reports.
- Sign up for e-mail
notifications of air
quality by sending
an e-mail to
[outdoorAQ@co.lewis
is-clark.mt.us](mailto:outdoorAQ@co.lewis-clark.mt.us)

For information about
open burning call: 1-800-
225-6779.

**This Christmas don't
throw the wrapping
paper in the wood-
stove or the fireplace.
Wrapping paper burns
hotter and has higher
flames, which could
cause chimney fires.
Be safe this Christmas
and toss the wrapping
paper.**

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