

My neighbor has been using an Outdoor Wood Furnace since 2004. The smoke from his stack is so thick sometimes that it literally blocks out the trees. We are most often downwind from his furnace and the smoke drifts into our yard nearly all the time. In the winter, we are subject to his smoke when our kids want to go sledding in the back yard. In the summer, it is usually in the yard when our kids want to play baseball or basketball. Since both they and my wife have asthma to some degree, we often cannot play in the backyard due to the smoke and the potential for an asthma attack. When we're doing yard work, we are subject to the smoke and have to take a break until the smoke dissipates so we don't inhale it. On occasion, the smoke is so voluminous, it gets through our windows and we can smell it inside of our house.

As you can see, our neighbor's furnace has a significant impact on the quality of our lives all year. He did not have one when we moved in and we can only rely on legal means to curtail his use of it. If we could enjoy 5 months of fresh air during warm weather, it would be an improvement but far from an ideal way to live our lives.

Thank you,

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