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I am so thrilled to find out that Pennsylvania is finally regulating outside wood burners. I bought a house in the very rural town of Ulysses. About three years after I moved in my neighbor put in an outside wood burner right on the edge of my property. My house set up approximately ten feet from his. The smoke from his wood furnace engulfed my house on a regular basis. I couldn't open windows on the opposite side of the house because the smoke would completely surround my house. It was insane. I couldn't believe my neighbor. I called him to talk to him about it several times. I went to the township meetings. Many of them were planning to put in their own outside boilers and did not want to regulate it. I went to the county and the state. There was nothing in place to help me. Now I own a house I cannot live in and no one else would want to buy.

Finally I hired a lawyer and my neighbor moved it eight feet from my line and raised the stack. It is better but not great. The stack is now level with my upstairs and is only about 50 feet from my house. I couldn't believe someone could do this and it was all legal. I couldn't believe there was nothing I could do about it. I couldn't believe there was no place to go for help.

Please regulate outside boilers. It is an unfortunate state of affairs but people do not look out for their neighbors. They on the most part only care about their own convenience. We have a local blog. I am stunned at the attitude of the people who comment. So ignorant and selfish. No consideration for anyone else. These are exactly the people the public needs protected from.

Thank you so much for finally regulating this. It has been a long time coming.
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