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September 15, 2022

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Deadline to register appliances in urban homes and declare use of best burning practices is September 15, 2022. Urban homes will need to renew every three years.

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