



FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD

OPEN BURN REQUIREMENTS

SCOPE

This standard applies to the requirements for open burning as permitted when approved by the enforcing agency per California Fire Code Section 307.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. A permit is required for all open burning per California Fire Code 307.2.
2. Permits shall be issued only to the owner of the land on which the fire is to be kindled.
3. Permits are only valid with the approval of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). Visit baaqmd.gov for more information.
4. The location for open burning shall be not less than 50 feet from any structure and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
5. Only dry, natural vegetative material, such as leaves, pine needles, and tree trimmings, may be burned.
6. The burning of trash, painted wood, or other debris is not allowed.
7. Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. Material can be added to the pile as it burns down.
8. A 10-foot diameter shall be cleared down to bare soil around the burn pile.
9. A shovel and a water source shall be located nearby.
10. An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times.
11. Permit hold shall notify fire dispatch by calling 925-838-6640 prior to ignition and when burn pile is extinguished.
12. No burning shall take place before 10:00 a.m. local time on any day.
13. No additional materials or fuel shall be ignited, nor shall any material or fuels be added to any fire after two hours before sunset on any day.
14. No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.
15. The Fire District is authorized to order the extinguishment of open burning when burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation or a required permit has not been obtained.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

1. To submit an Application for Permit, visit <https://firedepartment.geocivix.com/secure/>. Click on Submit Application and select Special Permits for Application Type.