



CONTROLLED-BURN GUIDELINES

In the interest of public safety, we are providing you with the following regulations, information, and guidelines:

YOU MUST OBTAIN AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT BEFORE YOU CAN BURN

1. **Important New Requirements** - Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (NSCAPCD) regulations require notification prior to burning. You will also need to go on to the Cal Fire Website to watch a video to obtain a permit for 4x4 pile burns.

Please see the information below:

- CAL FIRE <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/> To obtain a 4x4 pile burn permit, you are also required to go on to the link below and watch a safety video.
<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/apply-for-a-permit/>
- BAAQMD is a fee-based agency. The open burning fee **must** be paid to BAAQMD **prior** to burning.
<https://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/open-burn>
- *****Please Note** the fee to BAAQMD will NO longer be waived in the BURN SCAR AREA*****
- NSCAPCD is a fee-based agency. The open burning fee **must** be paid to NSCAPCD **prior** to burning.
<https://nosocoair.org/permits/open-burn-permits>

2. **Once all required documents are submitted:**

Each day you want to burn you must determine if it's an affirmative burn day calling:

- BAAQMD 1-800-792-0787 ~ <https://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/open-burn>.
- NSCAPCD 1-707-565-2876 ~ <https://nosocoair.org>

You must call and Notify Fire Dispatch each day you burn!

- Notify Fire Dispatch (REDCOM) prior to burning at 1-707-565-1700

NOTE: The information provided at 1-800-792-0787 & 1-707-565-2876 is based solely on-air quality and does not take into consideration any safety factors such as wind, relative humidity, temperature, etc. Therefore, it may be a "permissible" burn day but not a safe burn day! You will have until April 30, 2022, to conduct your burns.

****Start the burn pile at 9:30 am ~ Nothing on the pile after 3:00 pm and the pile must be OUT by sunset, piles cannot be left burning overnight!****

3. Failing to follow regulations and guidelines and/or an escaped controlled burn may result in your having to pay one or more of the following:
 - A fine from THE AIR DISTRICT
 - Cost of damage to anyone else's property
 - Costs incurred by all agencies responding to the fire, including but not limited to:
 - ✓ Equipment and labor costs
 - ✓ Damaged equipment repair/replacement
4. General safety practices
 - Fire must be under the control of at least one adult **at all times** until the fire is dead out.
 - Have a cell phone with you and shovels and other tools nearby.
 - Have an adequate supply of water at the burn site; a hose connected to a water supply is preferable.
 - Keep fire a minimum of 50 feet from combustibles, property lines, structures, overhead wires, vehicles, etc. and do not conduct burns under tree/vegetation canopy.

If the burn escapes your control, call 9-1-1 ***immediately.***

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