

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULATIONS
FOR
LAND DEVELOPMENT CLEARING BURNING**

If you are a contractor, land developer or land owner, you may be allowed to burn vegetation on property being developed for industrial, commercial or residential purposes. Disposing of wood waste by burning for land development purposes is prohibited without a Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Burn Permit. The following are requirements as specified in APCD Regulation III - *Open Burning*:

1. All burn projects of this type must have an APCD Burn Permit. You may also need a burn permit from your local fire agency.
2. You must call and receive authorization from the APCD prior to burning. For planning purposes, most burns may receive authorization the day prior to the burn. Call the APCD at (209) 533-5693 to request authorization to burn.
3. All burning must occur only on California Air Resources Board declared permissive burn days.
4. **Only clean dry vegetation is allowed to be burned.** Drying time requirements are as followed:

<u>Material Size</u>	<u>Drying Times</u>
Green straw, stubble, grass	3 Days
Less than 6 inches in diameter	3 – 6 Weeks
Greater than 6 inches in diameter	6 Weeks

5. Vegetation to be burned must be arranged so that it will burn with a minimum of smoke. Burning stumps or vegetation with a diameter greater than eight (8) inches is prohibited for land development clearing purposes.
6. Only that amount of vegetation that can be reasonably expected to burn within eight (8) hours shall be ignited in any one day. Material to be burned shall be ignited as rapidly as practicable within applicable fire control restrictions.
7. All vegetation to be burned must originate on the property on which you are burning. The burning of any material other than clean dry vegetation is prohibited.
8. The burner shall take mitigating measures when smoke is drifting into a nearby-populated area or is creating a public nuisance. The APCD may require the burner to extinguish the fire(s) if severe smoke conditions exist.
9. It is the responsibility of the burner to know and understand the burning regulations. A violation of APCD rules and regulations is a misdemeanor and can subject the burner to monetary penalties and the loss of the right to burn.
10. If you have any questions, please call the APCD at: (209) 533-5693.

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