

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULATIONS
FOR
RESIDENTIAL BURNING**

DO I NEED A BURN PERMIT FROM THE AIR POLLUTION DISTRICT?

If you are burning vegetation from a single or two family residence and less than two (2) acres is burned, you do not need a burn permit from the Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District. However, you may need a burn permit from your local fire agency. Open burning by industrial and commercial facilities, including businesses is prohibited.

WHAT CAN I LEGALLY BURN?

Only **CLEAN DRY VEGETATION** is allowed to be burned. All vegetation must originate on the property on which you are burning.

WHAT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN?

Household garbage or rubbish such as cans, glass, diapers, furniture, plastics, rubber, tires, tar paper, asphalt shingles, demolition debris and construction materials such as treated lumber, insulation, paints, coatings, and metal are also prohibited from being burned. These materials when burned produce toxic pollutants that can cause potential health risks. Only clean dry vegetation is allowed to be burned.

HOW SHOULD I BURN MY MATERIAL?

Vegetation must be **DRY** and reasonably free of dirt. Burning dry material creates less smoke, and causes fewer smoke impacts to neighbors and the public. Pile size should not exceed four (4) feet in diameter per CDF regulations. **Burn barrels are prohibited from being used.** Drying time requirements are as follows:

<u>MATERIAL SIZE</u>	<u>DRYING TIMES</u>
Green straw, stubble, grasses.....	3 days
Smaller than 6" in diameter.....	3- 6 weeks
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Only that material which will likely burn within 12 hours or less can be ignited. To prevent your pile from getting wet, cover it with a tarp. Avoid causing a nuisance to your neighbors with smoldering burn piles.

WHEN CAN I BURN?

All burning must occur only on California Air Resources Board declared permissive burn days. For burn day information, call the District Burn Line at 533-5598. The Burn Line is a 24-hour recorder that is updated daily. Restricted burn hours of 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., normally begin in May. CDF typically prohibits all burning in the summer due to dry conditions and the threat of wildfires.

ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING?

Our air quality is your responsibility. Consider chipping, shredding, mulching and/or composting yard waste. Any material larger than 3" in diameter can be cut for firewood. Recycle newspapers, paper and cardboard.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ON BURNING AND AIR QUALITY?

Please call the Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District at (209) 533-5693.

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