



Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

Community Risk Reduction Division

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BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

Date of Burn: _____ Time of Burn From: _____ To: _____

Location of Burn: _____ Zip-Code: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip-Code: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Open burning shall be conducted in accordance with these requirements (CFC 307.1) and as required by other governing agencies regulating emissions. Types of burning permit choose one.

- Bonfires or Open Burning:** A minimum of 50 feet of clearance shall be provided between any structure or other combustible materials including dry grass, shrubbery or fencing.
- Recreational Fires:** Burning area is limited to 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. A minimum of 25 feet of clearance shall be provided between any structure or other combustible materials including dry grass, shrubbery or fencing.
- Barbecue Pits:** Barbecue pits outside of buildings shall not be located within 15 feet of combustible walls or roofs or other combustible materials.

FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT: Buckets, shovels or garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4A rating shall be readily available for use.

ATTENDANCE: A person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment provided shall constantly attend all fires. An attendant shall be present until the fire is completely extinguished.

DISCONTINUANCE: The Fire District is authorized to order the extinguishment of permitted fires at any time if such fires are determined to constitute a nuisance or hazardous condition.

PRIOR TO STARTING THE PERMITTED FIRE, YOU MUST CONTACT FIRE DISPATCH AT (916) 228-3035 (24-HOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER). THIS PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER, UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS OR BY OTHER AGENCIES.

Any person who violates the provisions of this permit is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed six months or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or both. I accept this permit under the conditions stated and declare that I am the owner or legal occupant of the property upon which the burn is to be conducted or that I have the permission of the property owner. I understand that this permit is valid only for the date and time specified and the permit holder and their agents are responsible for any damage resulting from their actions.

Permit Holder: _____ Date Issued: _____

Issued By (Fire District Personnel): _____ Station: _____
(PRINT & SIGN)



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DIRECTIONS FOR FIRE STATIONS ISSUING BURN PERMITS

Two copies of the completed permit and of the site plan are required. The site map shall be on 8-1/2 by 11 inch or larger paper and shall reference structure(s), roads, parking lots, etc. relative distance to the burn location with rough measurements between them.

Refer to “Burn Permit Instructions for Fire Stations” in the “Forms” folder on “P drive” for Burn Permit processing directions. {P:_Forms\Burn Permit Instructions for Fire Stations}

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Burn Permits **are required** for temporary fire pits, bonfires, etc.

Burn permits are **not required** for:

- (1) Barbecues in containers, appliances, etc.
- (2) Portable and non-portable fire pits and fireplaces.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Burn Permits **are required** for bonfires, open burning, barbecue pits, and other recreational fires that are outside an approved container.

Fires held in designated areas of public parks and in approved devices fall under the jurisdiction of the Park Enforcement Officers.

FOR REFERENCE

(A) Air quality violations are referred to Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District at (916) 874-4800.

(B) The Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner at (916) 875-6603 issues Agricultural Burning Permits for persons engaged in agribusiness. The Fire District does not issue permits for agricultural burning.

(C) CFC, Section 307.1.1 “Prohibited open burning.” Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.