SOUTH COAST AQMD

OPEN BURN PROGRAM
(909) 396-3403
RULE 444 - OPEN BURNING

Any outdoor fire...

...conduct open burns in a manner that minimizes emissions, impacts, and manages the smoke...
WHY THE OPEN BURN PROGRAM

- Public Safety
- Public Health
- Minimize Emissions
- No Burn Days
- Reduce Fine Particles (PM)
- Reduce Public Nuisance
TYPES OF OPEN BURNS

- Agricultural Burns
- Emergency Crop Protection
- Tumbleweed Burns
- Fire Suppression Training
- Forestry Burns (Prescribed)
- Other (Flags, Testing, Diseased Materials, Contraband)
Waste materials produced entirely from agricultural operations…

Land use conversion IS NOT agricultural WASTE

…growing of crops or raising of animals

Date Palm Fronds
Citrus Trees and Trimmings
Grapevines
Native Vegetation
Waste materials produced entirely from agricultural operations

More than 1000 feet away from sensitive receptor locations (homes)

Free of trash, nonagricultural waste, dirt, soil and visible moisture

Coachella 41 acres daily limit
Area surrounding the burn piles must be cleared to “bare” mineral soil.

Minimum distance between burn piles is 30 feet.

Burn piles to any power lines or affected property lines is 100 feet.

Allowable pile size is 20 feet diameter by 15 feet high.
AGRICULTURAL DRYING TIMES

- Green crops: 4 weeks
- Less than $\frac{1}{4}$": 10 days
- $3$" or greater: 6 weeks
- $\frac{1}{4}$ - 1": 3 weeks
- 1 - 3": 4 weeks
GOOD AGRICULTURAL BURN PILES

Permitted Piles
PROHIBITED AGRICULTURAL BURN PILES

Not Allowed
TREATED WOOD STAKES

- Contain toxic materials
- Not allowed to burn
HOW WE DETERMINE TREATED WOOD WASTE
Temperature is or is reasonably anticipated to be below 40° F

NO plastic, rubber, chemically treated wood, garbage, oil filters, tires, tar paper...

Shall be extinguished by 7:00 AM

EMERGENCY CROP PROTECTION BURNS
OBTAINING A BURN PERMIT

- Schedule inspection with SCAQMD
- Complete application form and fee
- Obtain a SCAQMD Burn Permit
- Obtain a Fire Dept Permit
- Call Burn Line the day before to obtain a Burn Authorization Number
- Call FD on morning of the burn for authorization
Allowed Burn Hours

1 hour after sunrise until no later than 2 hours before sunset

7:00 am – 5:00 pm
RULE EXEMPTIONS FOR OPEN BURNING

- Recreational or Ceremonial Fires
- Warming Food or Generating Warmth at a Social Gathering
- Fireworks Displays
- Pyrotechnics Used for Creating Special Effects
- Detonation of Explosives During:
  - Quarry or Mining Operations
  - Bomb Disposal by a Law Enforcement Agency
  - Demolition of Buildings or Structures
SCAQMD JURISDICTION

Non-Tribal Lands
Burning (non-Tribal)

SCAQMD

Open Burn Hotline
(909) 396-3403

Complaint
(800) 288-7664

Fire Dept

Emergency
911

Complaint
(760) 398-8895
Dumping (non-Tribal)

Code Enforcement: (888) 782-6263
Mulching: (760) 393-3344
Roadside Dumping: (800) 870-6600
...QUESTIONS?

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