



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR OPEN BURNING OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE

The following information is intended to highlight specific aspects of the rule and serve as a guide for the allowance of agricultural open burning by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). For details on specific requirements and limitations, please refer to Rule 444 - Open Burning (www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg04/r444.pdf).

WHAT MUST I DO PRIOR TO AGRICULTURAL OPEN BURNING?

- Obtain approval for projects greater than 10 acres or that will produce more than one ton of particulate matter emissions by submitting a Burn Management Plan.
- Request a **Pre Burn Inspection** from the AQMD by calling (909-396-3403).
- Obtain a written permit from the AQMD and obtain a written permit from your local Fire Protection Agency.
- Find out if the next day is a **Burn Day** by calling **(909) 396-3355**. *If the next day is a Burn Day, **press 0**, and leave a message requesting a **Burn Authorization Number** on the Burn Line **prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn**. Burning is not allowed without first obtaining a Burn Authorization Number.*
- Alternately a Burn Authorization Number can be obtained by calling **(909) 396-3403 prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn**.
- Call your Local Fire Department the morning of your Burn (or as required) and request approval for your Burn.

WHAT CAN I BURN?

- Waste materials produced entirely from Agricultural Operations. Refer to Rule 444, for complete list of allowable and non-allowable materials which may be burned.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING?

- Agricultural Waste must be **more than 1000 feet** away from sensitive receptor locations.
- Only **dry** Agricultural Waste can be burned.
- All Agricultural Waste shall be free of trash, nonagricultural waste, dirt, soil and visible moisture.
- Agricultural Field Crops (residue left in the field after harvesting grain or vegetable crops) shall not be burned before 10:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. **and**
- Open burning **other** than field crop burning shall not commence earlier than **one hour after sunrise** with no new ignition, or fuels to be added to an existing fire, later than two hours before sunset except as authorized with an approved smoke management plan.

WHEN CAN I CALL THE AQMD (909-396-3403) TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING?

Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If Burning on Sunday or Monday, call before 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Our standby person will return your phone call as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. the day you leave your message.