



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR OPEN BURNING PERFORMED BY FIRE PROTECTION AGENCIES**

The following information is intended to highlight specific aspects of the rule and serve as a guide for the allowance of Range Management and Controlled Burns by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) for Fire Protection Agencies. For details on specific requirements and limitations please refer to Rule 444 - Open Burning ([www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg04/r444.pdf](http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg04/r444.pdf)).

### **WHAT MUST I DO PRIOR TO PERFORMING FIRE TRAINING**

**Open Burning for Range Management Projects (less than 10 acres), and Controlled Burns (less than 10 acres), or that produces less than one ton of particulate emissions:**

- 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 for a Burn Authorization Number on the Burn Line **prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn.**
- Alternately a Burn Authorization Number can be obtained by calling **(909) 396-3403 prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn.**
- Burning on a No Burn Day is not permitted.

**Open Burning for Range Management Projects (greater than 10 acres), and Controlled Burns (greater than 10 acres) or that produce more than one ton of particulate emissions:**

- Obtain prior approval for projects greater than 10 acres or that will produce more than one ton of particulate matter emissions by submitting a Smoke Management Plan. We recommend that all Smoke Management Plans be submitted through the Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS) (<https://secure.arb.ca.gov/pfirs>).
- Obtain approval from local Fire Protection Agency.
- Once you receive approval for your Plan, 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 for a Burn Authorization Number on the Burn Line **prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn.**
- Alternately a Burn Authorization Number can be obtained by calling **(909) 396-3403 prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn.**
- An Annual Post Burn Evaluation Report is required to be submitted on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
- Burning on a No Burn Day is not permitted.

### **WHEN CAN I CALL THE AQMD (909-396-3403) TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS?**

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.**