



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR OPEN BURNING OF TUMBLEWEEDS

The following information is intended to highlight specific aspects of the rule and serve as a guide for the allowance of tumbleweed (*Salsola Kali* also known as Russian Thistle) 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 TUMBLEWEED (OPEN BURNING?)

- Request a **Pre Burn Inspection** from the AQMD by calling the **Burn Line (909-396-3403)**.
- Obtain a written permit from the AQMD **and** obtain a written permit from your local Fire Protection Agency.
- Call the **Burn Line (909-396-3403)** and leave a message requesting a Burn Authorization Number prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn.

Information required to be left on the Burn Line:

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

AQMD BURN PERMIT NUMBER

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN PERMIT NUMBER

Burning is not allowed without first obtaining a Burn Authorization Number.

- Call your Local Fire Department the morning of your Burn (or as required) and request approval for your Burn.

WHAT CAN I BURN?

- Only Tumbleweeds may be burned and **no other material is allowed**, unless required by Fire Agencies through written notice.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TUMBLEWEED BURNING?

- Tumbleweeds shall be free of trash, dirt, soil and visible moisture.
- 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.

WHEN CAN I CALL THE AQMD (909-396-3403) TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR TUMBLEWEED 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.