

**SHASTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GUIDELINES FOR OPEN BURNING**

WHO IS ALLOWED TO BURN?

Only residents of single- and two-family dwellings are permitted to burn dry vegetation from the yard. Open burning for land-clearing projects, fire hazard reduction, agricultural burning or prescribed burning is allowed with the required permits.

WHAT IS ALLOWED TO BE BURNED?

You may burn **ONLY dried vegetation** (NO GARBAGE, PAPER, OR CARDBOARD). The California Air Resources Board has adopted a **state-wide prohibition on the use of burn barrels and the burning of paper and cardboard** that became effective on January 1, 2004. **Burning leaves or lawn clippings is not recommended.** The burning of any other material that might cause a public nuisance is also prohibited. Air drying of green vegetation is required prior to burning and is based on the largest diameter of the branch or trunk being burned. The minimum drying times for green vegetation prior to being burned are:

Diameter less than 6"	15 days drying time	Diameter 12" to 24"	45 days drying time
Diameter 6" to 12"	30 days drying time	Diameter 24" or more	60 days drying time

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

Open Burning Permits are required for burning inside the city limits and/or fire districts of Redding, Fall River Mills, Anderson, Cottonwood, Buckeye, and Shasta Lake. Permits may be obtained from the appropriate fire department (telephone numbers are listed at the end of this handout). A fee may be required by some districts.

If you are burning material associated with property being developed for commercial or residential purposes, or material associated with brush clearance for fire hazard reduction, you must have all material free of stumps and dirt and obtain a burn permit from the Shasta County Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Burn permit fees must be paid to the AQMD in accordance with Rule 2:11; Fees, and **an AQMD inspection may be conducted** to verify the absence of stumps and dirt in any piles formed for burning. Refer to attachment for applicable fees.

WHEN ARE YOU ALLOWED TO BURN?

Open Burning is authorized after November 1st **IF** CAL Fire declares the fire season has ended (a news release will be issued by CAL Fire). Open burning will then be allowed through April 30th (unless CAL Fire determines that the fire season will begin prior to that date and issues a news release). **However, within the boundaries of the City of Redding and the Buckeye Fire Protection District, residential open burning is restricted to the months of November and April** (fire hazard mitigation or land clearing burning may be allowed during the entire burn season through a special permit issued by the fire department).

Burning is allowed only on designated Burn Days which are so designated by the California Air Resources Board, based on atmospheric temperatures, pressures, and wind conditions. If sufficient dispersion is forecast, a day is designated "permissive burn." When weather conditions are unfavorable, a "no burn" notice is issued. The recorded burn day information reflects the designation.

Recorded burn day information can be obtained daily by calling:

Redding	(530) 224-8777 after 9:15 a.m.
Burney/Lakehead/Shingletown	(800) 411-8728 after 9:15 a.m.

Burning hours are restricted in all areas not to exceed the following:

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Fire may be ignited between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Fire must be completely out by 5 p.m.	Redding, Anderson, Shasta Lake, Cottonwood, Old Shasta, Palo Cedro, Mountain Gate, and elevations below 1,000 feet.
Maximum allowed 10 a.m., to 12 Midnight. (As determined by fire authority.)	Elevations above 1,000 feet.

Check with your local fire department (city, CDF and/or USFS). If their times are more restrictive, you must adhere to them.

WHAT ABOUT FIRE SAFETY?

CAL Fire, the U.S. Forest Service, and your local fire districts are concerned about your safety and the safety of your neighbors. A day that is designated a "permissive" burn day on the basis of air quality may, in fact, be too windy in terms of fire safety. The daily burn day recording will reflect a "no burn" designation due to fire danger. Please contact the appropriate organization listed at the bottom of this page for current fire-safety regulations.

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE MAXIMUM LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS

The Mutual Settlement Policy shown above allows for the settlement of violations through payment of a penalty amount and agreeing to other conditions without going to court. Once a violation is referred to the courts, the maximum liability for that violation could be substantially more than the settlement penalty amount. A violation of the District Rules and Regulations and the California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC) sections may be prosecuted either as a civil or criminal violation. The maximum penalty for a procedural violation (CH&SC Sections 42400 and 42402) is \$1,000 and/or six months in the county jail. Burning without a permit is a procedural violation. The maximum penalty for a violation involving emissions of air contaminants (CH&SC Sections 42400.3 and 42402.3) is \$75,000 and/or one year in the county jail. Burning illegal or toxic material is a violation of these sections.

WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Anderson Fire Protection District	378-6699
CAL Fire	225-2418
Cottonwood Fire Department	347-4737
Redding Fire Department	225-4141
Shasta County Air Quality Management District	225-5674
Shasta Lake Fire Protection District	275-7474