



FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY

TO: ALL BURN PERMIT APPLICANTS

FROM: FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: BURN PERMIT REGULATIONS

In an effort to comply with the desires of the community and the guidelines of the Air Pollution Control District (APCD), the following rules will govern open burning in the City of Arroyo Grande:

1. Residents must obtain a valid burn permit from the Five Cities Fire Authority and have the permit available for inspection upon request. The permit fee is \$104.00 and expires one year from the date of issuance.
2. Burning shall be limited to natural wastes from shrubbery and trees grown on property occupied by one or two family dwellings only.
3. Burning shall be allowed on properties of one acre or greater only.
4. Burning may take place only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
5. **Burning is permitted each Saturday and Sunday during the months of January – June and November and December. Prior to burning, all permit holders must contact the Air Pollution Control District at 800-834-2876 to verify that it is a permissive burn day.**
6. Burning of grass, weeds, leaves or man-made waste is prohibited.
7. Green waste materials must be free of trash or dirt and **be** dry and reasonably free of surface moisture. No burning will be allowed if no measurable rain has fallen.
8. Green waste must originate on the property where burning occurs.
9. Burn piles shall be no larger than four (4) feet high and six (6) feet in diameter.
10. Accelerant (e.g. flammable liquids) shall not be used to start burn piles.
11. A responsible adult shall tend burn piles at all times and a functioning water hose capable of extinguishing the fire shall be available at all times.
12. Burn piles shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from the property line of neighboring residences and a minimum of 30 feet from any structure, including wooden fences on the same property.
13. Burns may not cause a nuisance with smoke and ash to neighbors.
14. If you live near a "smoke sensitive site" such as a school, skilled nursing facility or park, you must take extra care to eliminate potential smoke and ash impacts from your burn.

Failure to follow these requirements is a violation of the Uniform Fire Code and the violator would be subject to penalties allowed under that Code.

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