

General Information

The conditions and requirements outlined below are for your guidance. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the exact conditions and requirements that apply to this permit. This permit does not relieve the permittee from any duty to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury or nuisance to persons as prescribed by law. It is a violation of law and liability is imposed upon anyone who allows a fire to burn uncontrolled upon his land regardless of what may have caused it.

The practice of open burning is regulated in California for two important reasons:

1. Uncontrolled fires are dangerous and expensive; and
2. Smoke from fires can impact the health of residents and interferes with the state's efforts to reduce air pollution.

For these reasons, open burning in the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (EKAPCD) is largely prohibited. Individuals granted a Burn Permit will be regulated by the EKAPCD and local fire protection agency.

The issuance of this permit shall not be construed as imposing on the issuing agency, any official, or any employee thereof any responsibility whatsoever for damages incurred by the use of the permit.

Conditions and Requirements

This permit is valid on those days declared to be a Permissive Burn Day by the California Air Resources Board and when burning on the lands identified herein is allowed by the local fire protection agency, pursuant to Section 41855 of the Health and Safety Code. Permittee must receive permission from both the EKAPCD (661-862-5250) and local fire protection agency to burn on a Marginal Burn Day declared by ARB. This permit is not valid on ARB declared "No Burn Day".

1. **Burning Time:** Ignition of the material is to be conducted only during daylight hours between 8 am to 3 pm Fire should be extinguished by sunset.
2. **Notification:** The Permittee is responsible for notifying the local fire protection agency prior to ignition.
3. **Temporary Suspension:** Due to fire conditions or other concerns, this permit may be suspended at any time. It is your responsibility to determine if burning has been suspended. Any burning during times of suspension will be in direct violation of the law and violations will be cited.
4. **Conditions to Reduce Smoke:** In order to burn with minimum smoke production, the material to be burned shall be:
 - a. Arranged in piles no more than 15 feet per side, reasonably free of dirt, soil, and visible surface moisture.
 - b. Allowed to dry as follows: 6 weeks for trees, large branches, and vegetation from forest and brush land management; 3 weeks for prunings and small branches; 1 week for all other material.
 - c. Ignited with a legal method (hand held burner or paper and matches). The use of gasoline, diesel, or other accelerants is prohibited.
 - d. No more than 10 acres may be burned per parcel per day.
 - e. No more than one pile of tumble weeds per parcel may be burned at a time.
5. **The permit holder shall be responsible for monitoring and managing the smoke created by the burn.** Burning shall cease immediately if the smoke impacts sensitive receptor areas. Active burns may be extinguished at the owner's expense if it becomes necessary for public health and safety or if the burn creates a nuisance as determined by the EKAPCD or any public officer. Creating a smoke nuisance will result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation.
6. **This permit is only valid for burning natural vegetative materials or agricultural crop waste.** The burning of other types of materials, such as petroleum wastes, demolition or construction debris, garbage and residential rubbish; landscape wastes; tires; tar; wood wastes; Christmas trees; chemically treated, painted, or stained wood, or other combustible or flammable solid, liquid, or gaseous wastes is prohibited.
7. **Conditions to Minimize Hazards:** Fires should not be ignited on days of unsafe weather conditions. This includes excessively hot, dry periods when winds are strong enough to extend a light flag or cloth. Fires shall be:
 - a. Attended by at least one able-bodied adult person at all times.
 - b. Confined within cleared firebreaks or barriers adequate to prevent them from escaping control.
 - c. Regulated in size at all times to ensure proper control by the number of adult persons attending it.

Our air quality standards are health-based standards.
Please keep in mind that they exist for everyone's benefit.

A clean, safe environment is everyone's responsibility.

REFERENCED AUTHORITY:

EKAPCD Open Burn Rule 416, Agricultural and Prescribed Burning Rule 417, and Nuisance Rule 419
State of California Public Resource Code §4291, Code of Regulations Title 17, and Health and Safety Code §41802 and §41804