

**YOUR LOCAL FIRE AGENCY MAY ISSUE AIR QUALITY PERMITS  
DURING THE DELARED FIRE SEASON AND/OR WINTER BURNING SEASON (See Below)**

**BASIC RULES:** *If it didn't grow on your property you may not burn it.*  
*If it has been milled it is no longer an approved combustible.*

**Burn Forecast Recording: (707) 463-4391**

FIRE AGENCIES WITHIN MENDOCINO COUNTY THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BURN PERMITS:

FIRE AGENCY	CHIEF	ADDRESS	PHONE #	PERMITS ISSUED
Anderson Valley CSD	Colin Wilson	14281 Hwy 128, Boonville	895-2020	November - April 30
Brooktrails CSD	Daryl Schoeppner	24860 Birch St. Willits	459-4441	Year Round
City of Ukiah Fire Dept	Chuck Yates	300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah	463-6264	Year Round
Covelo Fire District	Bill Baker	75900 Covelo Rd. Covelo	983-6719	Year Round
Fort Bragg Fire Dept.	Steve Orsi	141 N. Main St., Fort Bragg	961-2831	Year Round
Little Lake VF Dist	Jeff Smith	74 E. Commercial, Willits	459-6271	Year Round
Long Valley Fire Dist.	Jim Little	44950 Willis Ave, Laytonville	984-6055	November - April 30
Potter Valley CSD	Bill Pauli	10521 Main St., Potter Valley	743-1415	Call Air Quality
Redwood Coast Fire Dept	Mike Suddith	19601 S. Hwy 1, Manchester	882-1833	November - April 30
Redwood Valley-Calpella FD	Tom Hession	8481 East Road, Redwood Valley	485-8121	Year Round
Ukiah Valley Fire Dist	Dan Grebil	1500 S. State St., Ukiah	462-7921	Call Air Quality

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY:

STATION	ADDRESS	PHONE #	PERMITS ISSUED
Boonville Station	16001 Hwy 128, Boonville	895-3323	May 1 – November
Covelo Station	7725 Covelo Road, Covelo	983-6499	May 1 – November
Fort Bragg Station	802 N. Main St. Fort Bragg	964-5673	May 1 – November
Hopland Station	11000 Hwy 101, Hopland	744-1111	May 1 – November
Laytonville Station	46101 N. Hwy 101, Laytonville	984-6777	May 1 – November
Leggett Station	1 Mile North of Leggett	925-6414	May 1 – November
Mendocino/Woodlands Station	41722 Little Lake Rd., Mendocino	937-5765	May 1 – November
Point Arena Station	410 N. School St. Point Arena	882-2151	May 1 – November
Ukiah Station	2690 N. State St. Ukiah	462-7448	May 1 – November
Willits/Howard Forest Station	17501 N. Hwy 101, Willits	459-7414	May 1 – November

**May 1 – November:** These agencies issue burn permits valid only during the declared fire season. An Air Quality permit must be obtained from the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) or your local fire agency during the winter burning season.

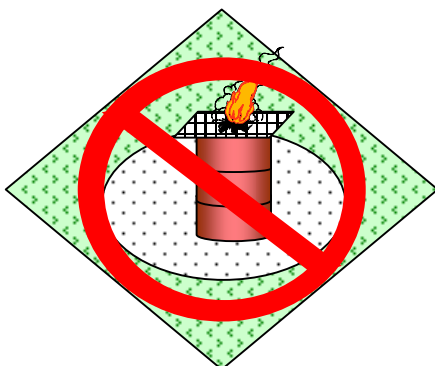
**November – April 30:** These agencies issue Inter Agency/Air Quality burn permits valid only during the winter burning season.

**Year Round:** These agencies issue Inter Agency/Air Quality burn permits valid year-round. You will not need to obtain a separate permit from Air Quality.

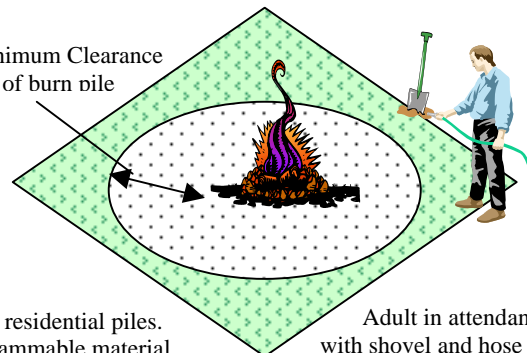
**BURNING PREPARATIONS** - The following conditions must be met:

1. Materials must be approved combustibles only and reasonably free of soil and surface moisture from rainfall. (Vegetative Matter Only)
2. Materials must be arranged to promote rapid combustion with minimum smoke production.
3. Materials must be dried at least the minimum recommended length of time as follows:
  - a. Trees and branches over 6 inches in diameter – 60 days.
  - b. Prunings, brush and branches less than 6 inches in diameter – 15 days.
4. Aerate leaves to dry them prior to burning. **Please do not burn wet leaves.**
5. Burn piles are to be ignited as rapidly as possible to avoid smoke nuisance. If your smoke affects your neighbor, you can be held liable.
6. All vegetation must be burned on the property where it was grown.

**Burn Barrels are illegal in California**



10-foot Minimum Clearance  
on all sides of burn pile



Fire Safety Requirements for Burn Piles:

1. Maximum 4-foot diameter pile size for residential piles.
2. Minimum 10-foot clearance from all flammable material.
3. Adult in attendance with shovel until fire is Dead Out.
4. Water supply at burning site.

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portable water supply until  
fire is "Dead Out".

# OPEN-OUTDOOR BURNING INFORMATION FOR ALL AREAS OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

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**PRIOR TO ANY OPEN-OUTDOOR BURNING, FIND OUT WHICH FIRE AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR AREA.**

The declared "fire season" is May 1<sup>st</sup> through approximately November 1<sup>st</sup>. "Fire season" is declared by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The "winter burning season" is approximately November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY (CDF):**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection requires a burn permit for all 'outdoor debris' burning on lands under its jurisdiction – (state responsibility area or SRA). A CDF burn permit is required on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and remains a requirement until the end of the declared fire season (approximately the end of October).

CDF does not require a permit during the winter burning season. (Approximately November through April 30<sup>th</sup>). Please refer to the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District for winter burning requirements.

CDF and local fire agency burn permits are subject to temporary or permanent suspension due to critical fire weather conditions. Please be aware of the countywide Burn Ban beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> (or earlier if necessary) of each year and extending through the end of the declared fire season.

A CDF or local fire agency permit will suffice as an Air Quality permit from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the declared fire season. After the end of the declared fire season and until May 1<sup>st</sup>, you will need to obtain an Air Quality permit from the appropriate agency listed on page 2.

A Smoke Management Plan may be required by the Air Quality Management District for any burning done during fire season and winter burning season if it involves more than 10 acres (broadcast) or more than 50 tons of fuel. One may also be required for less than 10 acres or less than 50 tons of fuel if the project is located in a smoke sensitive area (populated). Please contact Air Quality for more information.

## **REQUIREMENTS OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (MCAQMD) 707/463-4354**

**OFFICE LOCATION: 306 E. Gobbi Street, Ukiah** **Our New Office is located at the rear of the property behind our old office.**

A written Air Quality / Burn Permit is required year round. This requirement may be met by obtaining a burn permit from a designated fire agency or the Air Quality Management District. Refer to the back of this form for more information on obtaining a burn permit.

**Inter Agency Burn Permits issued by the Air Quality Management District are now subject to a fee of \$11.00.**

The District does not require a permit for the burning of **single piles 4' x 4' or smaller** (dooryard) (residential), of yard waste and prunings per day from the immediate vicinity of a single family or two family dwelling. However, your local fire agency or CDF may require a dooryard (residential) burn permit. If you are unsure, please call before burning.

For the best possible burn, dry vegetative matter should be burned completely between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm in any single day.

Although Tribal Reservation land is not subject to the requirement for burn permits, violations of emissions regulations (e.g. burning unapproved combustibles or burning on a 'No-Burn' day) are enforceable.

## **ALL OPEN OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN MENDOCINO COUNTY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**

**AGRICULTURAL:** The growing of crops and the raising of fowl or animals.

**Range Improvement:** To remove unwanted vegetation

**Forest Management:** To remove forest debris

**Wildlife Management:** To enhance a wildlife or game habitat

**Wildland Vegetation Management:** Prescribed burning

### **NON-AGRICULTURAL: Vegetative Matter Only**

**Single or Two Family Residential Dwellings:** The disposal of vegetative matter on the property where grown

**Property Development:** The disposal of vegetative waste on property that is being developed for commercial/residential use

**Fire Hazard Reduction:** Disposal of vegetative matter to reduce fire hazard on property

**Right-of-Way Clearing:** By a public entity or utility company

**Levee, Reservoir and Ditch:** Maintenance

**The burning of Poison Oak and Oleander is restricted and may be subject to additional permit conditions. Please contact Air Quality.**

**REMEMBER, YOU CAN NOT BURN:** Household garbage, cardboard, paper products, clothing, plastic or rubber materials, Styrofoam, construction/demolition debris, milled lumber, motor oil, batteries, tires, tar paper, animal waste or any other non-vegetative materials.

**POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITTING** (Please contact your nearest fire agency or CDF for more information):

1. Fires used only for the cooking of food for human consumption, warming, or ceremonial fires. (Approved combustibles only).
2. Fires set by any public officer for the prevention of an imminent fire hazard or the instruction of public employees in the methods of fighting fires.