

**RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING IN YUBA COUNTY ZONE 4
CALFIRE AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE AREAS**

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU BURN. VIOLATION OF DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS IS A MISDEMEANOR SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Effective January 1, 2004, State Law prohibits any burning in a burn barrel and prohibits the burning of paper and cardboard. The law prohibits burning trash or any other material except plant material grown on your property.

All open burning is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Feather River AQMD. The following information applies to single and two family residential burning only. Businesses and other entities must contact the District for applicable open burning requirements.

1. DO I NEED A BURN PERMIT FROM THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT?

If you are burning a normal accumulation of material from a single or two-family residence, you do not need a burn permit from the District at this time. If you have generated a substantial accumulation of material (i.e. land clearing in excess of two acres) you may need a District issued burn permit. Fire safety permits are required during portions of the year in CALFIRE/USFS jurisdiction areas until burning is suspended due to the wildland fire season. Burn permits are issued by CALFIRE/USFS. Please contact your CALFIRE/USFS station for permit requirements.

2. WHAT CAN I BURN?

You may only burn dry tree trimmings, leaves, pine needles, plants and other dry vegetative material from your residence, yard, or garden. This material must come from the property on which you are burning. **Note: Burning materials from your business at a residential property is illegal.**

3. WHAT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN?

Garbage or rubbish such as paper, cardboard, cans, glass, food, furniture, carpet, plastics, rubber, and clothing. Any buildings or structures including lumber such as pallets, 2x4's, plywood, and any treated lumber or telephone poles, pallets, tarpaper, asphalt, or wood shingles. Other illegal items are insulation, caulking tubes, paints or coatings, metals, wire, tires, car parts, cars, or other miscellaneous construction or demolition debris that contains any of the above items. These materials may contain chemicals that can cause illness or objectionable odor when burned. **NOTE: This is not a complete listing of materials that are illegal to burn.**

4. HOW SHOULD I BURN MY MATERIAL?

Any material to be burned must be **DRY** and reasonably free from dirt.

<u>MATERIAL / SIZE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED DRYING TIMES</u>
Weeds and Leaves.....	3 days
Smaller than 6 inches in diameter.....	30 days
Greater than 6 inches in diameter.....	45 days

Only burn vegetation that will not create excess smoke and odors. To prevent your material from getting wet, cover it with a tarp. If your pile is wet, let it dry for a few days. Burning dry material takes less effort, creates less smoke, and causes fewer complaints. Avoid causing a smoke or odor nuisance to neighbors. The District will respond to nuisance complaints and take appropriate enforcement action including assessing penalties.

5. WHEN CAN I BURN?

In CALFIRE/USFS jurisdiction areas, burn hours are open 24 hours, commencing at 9:00 a.m. until the burn ban commences or CALFIRE/USFS reduces burn hours. Please call 741-6299 after 9:00 a.m. to verify burn day status each day.