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# RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

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**PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU BURN. VIOLATION OF DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE MISDEMEANORS AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

## **DO I NEED A BURN PERMIT FROM THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT?**

Residential burning on land greater than 2 acres may need a burn permit from the District. Please contact the burn coordinator at (530) 701-7462 for an evaluation if you are on property greater than 2 acres. If you are burning a normal accumulation of vegetation from an occupied single- or two-family residence, you do not need a burn permit from the District.

**Please contact your local fire department to determine if they require a local fire safety permit.** Additional fire safety requirements may apply. **NOTE:** Residential open burning is not allowed within the city limits of Marysville, Live Oak, and Wheatland. Local fire department permits may require that fires be extinguished at 3:00 PM. To be safe, adhere to the most restrictive rules and regulations.

## **WHEN CAN I BURN? Check the Burn Day Status**

Call (530) 741- 6299 after 9:00 AM or Online at <https://www.fraqmd.org/burn-day-status>

Residential Burn Days are only typically Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday but may change due to holidays, air quality, or wildfires.

Residential burn hours are typically 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with fires out by 4:00 PM. (Do not add material to the fire after 3:00 PM and extinguish any material still smoking at 4:00 PM).

## **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 or other property at your residence is illegal.

## **WHAT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN?**

Household garbage or rubbish such as paper, cardboard, cans, glass, food, furniture including box springs and mattresses, carpeting, plastics, rubber, and cloth. Other illegal items include animal wastes, animal carcasses, automobiles, or automobile parts, tires, buildings or structures, lumber such as "clean" 2x4's, plywood and any treated lumber or telephone poles, tar paper, asphalt or wood shingles, insulation, caulking tubes, paints or coatings, metals, wire, and other miscellaneous construction or demolition debris that may contain any of the above items. These materials may contain chemicals that can cause illness or objectionable odor when burned. This is not a complete listing of materials that are illegal to burn. **Contact the District if you are unsure what may be legally burned.**

**HOW SHOULD I BURN MY MATERIAL?** All 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

**OPEN OUTDOOR BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CONTAINER.** All burning must be done in an open pile. The District recommends an open 4' x 4' pile. You are required to maintain a minimum clearance of 10' from other vegetation and 25' from any occupied dwelling. To prevent potential smoke impacts and escaped fires, add additional materials to the pile after it has burned down. Do not burn wet or dirt-covered plant material because it causes smoke and odor nuisance to neighbors. You must always attend and control your fire.