



BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (DISTRICT)

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Ag Burn Day Status: **332-9406**; Office Phone: 332-9400 (toll free 1-855-332-9400)
Office Hours: M-F 7:30am-4:30pm, closed 12-1 for lunch

AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT

Permit # _____
(For District use only)

Applicant Name _____ Telephone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Location of Burn Site(s) (nearest crossroads)	Type of Crop	Nearest whole Acres	x Fee/Ac	= Fee
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
<u>Burn Category</u>	<u>Fee/Acre</u>	<i>If claiming an exemption, complete page 2</i>	<u>Acreage Fee (page 2)</u>	<u>\$</u>
Orchard Prunings/Brush.....	\$0.75/ac		Base Fee	\$25.00
Grass, Weeds, Levee or Ditch.....	\$1.15/ac		Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council Fee	\$5.00
Land Clearing.....	\$0.75/ac	Inspection Fee \$87.75/hr applies to Commercial Land Clearing for Development of 5 Acres + or for the use of Mechanizer Burners (Air Curtain Incinerators) <i>*Inspection required prior to burn authorization*</i>		
Employee Instruction.....	\$0.75/ac			
Forest Management (paid post-burn) <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanized Burner/Air Curtain Incinerator and/or Land-Clearing Inspection Completed	\$1.00/ac	Wildland Vegetation Management, Forest Management, and Range Improvement Burning: Program Registration Fee (\$140.00) <i>Approval of a Smoke Management Plan is required prior to burn authorization</i>		
			TOTAL FEE	

THIS AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT IS VALID ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

1. This burn permit is valid for burning agricultural waste in the locations indicated on the permit on days when agricultural burning is allowed by the State of California Air Resources Board (CARB) or by the District.
2. This burn permit may be revoked, suspended, or terminated for violation of any condition specified or when determined necessary for public safety by the APCO or his designated deputy.
3. Burn permit holders must comply with fire protection agency permit requirements. Contact Butte County Fire/CAL FIRE at 530-7111 with questions.
4. You must contact the District at **332-9406 after 8:45am** to determine burn day status and provide burning notification per the instruction on the ag burn line prior to ignition. Alternatively, you may contact the District office at 332-9400 after 8:45am to speak with a District representative to request authorization to burn and provide notification. For permission to burn agricultural waste that is not piled brush or that is expected to burn beyond designated burn hours, you **MUST receive verbal authorization from the District's on-duty inspector prior to burning. For authorization for weekend burning of agricultural waste that is not piled brush, call the on-duty inspector during regular office hours to discuss.**
5. Approval of a smoke management plan, submitted through the CARB Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS), is required for Wildland Vegetation Management, Forest Management or Ranch Improvement burning or for the use of a Mechanized Burner/Air Curtain Incinerator.
6. The amount of acreage and hours of burning may be limited by the District in accordance with Rule 300. Unless otherwise specified, ignition hours are as follows: piled brush: 8:45am to one hour before sunset (year-round); field crops and weeds: March – August, 10am to 5pm; from September – February, 10am to 3pm (flames out by 4pm).
7. Field crops harvested prior to September 10th shall not be burned from October 1st through November 30th without prior authorization by the District.
8. All field crop waste shall be backfired or strip fired into the wind, or other methods allowed by special permit from the District.
9. All waste shall be: arranged to facilitate efficient burning, free of visible moisture, and dried as required (minimum of 30 days for agricultural waste greater than six (6) inches in diameter and fifteen (15) days for agricultural waste less than or equal to six (6) inches in diameter).
10. The agricultural waste burned shall be free of prohibited materials, including, but not limited to, tires, plastic, metal, painted/treated lumber, cloth, rubber, or other similar smoke producing material. Burning of any agricultural commodity such as previously baled hay or rice straw is also prohibited.
11. A copy of this burn permit shall be available for inspection at the burn site during any burn operation.
12. The "Right of Entry" as delineated by the California Health and Safety Code 41510 of Division 26 shall apply at all times. District staff shall not be denied access to burn sites.

I have read the conditions in this permit and agree to comply with all of the conditions. I understand that failure to comply with District Rules and Regulations will subject me to a civil or criminal action, or both. I understand that the issuance of this permit does not relieve me of responsibility to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury to persons. I accept responsibility for all burning activities, including smoke impacts, as a result of burning conducted at the above specified burn site location which is under my legal control. *The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that an electronic copy of this signed document shall be enforceable in the same manner as the signed original document.*

Signature _____ Title _____

Name Printed _____ Date _____

Issued by _____ Date Issued _____ Expiration Date _____

Receipt # _____ Check # _____ Official Payments _____ Cash _____ Money Order _____

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS:

Location of Burn Site(s)	Type of Crop	Planted Acres Round to whole #	x Fee/Acre	= Fee	
			\$	\$	
			\$	\$	
			\$	\$	
			\$	\$	
EXEMPT ACREAGE: includes young orchards (1st through 3rd leaf) and acreage where some or all of the prunings are chipped as an alternative to burning. If claiming an exemption, complete the information below for the District's evaluation and approval:					
Location of Burn Site(s)	% Exempt and Reason for Exemption	Type of Crop	Planted acres x % non-exempt	x Fee/Acre	= Fee
<i>(EXAMPLE 1) Hegan/Midway</i>	<i>50% Chipped</i>	<i>Almond</i>	<i>20 acres x 50%=10 acres</i>	<i>\$0.75</i>	<i>\$7.50</i>
<i>(EXAMPLE 2) Hegan/Midway</i>	<i>100% 1st- 3rd leaf</i>	<i>Walnut</i>	<i>10 acres x 100% =0 acres</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
			\$	\$	
			\$	\$	
			\$	\$	
			TOTAL	\$	

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DEFINITIONS:

ACREAGE FEE: Fees for field crops (other than rice), grass & weeds, right-of-way, levee, ditches, land-clearing, and employee instruction are based on the acreage to be burned prior to the expiration of the permit. The fees applicable for orchard prunings are on a per acre basis to the entire planted acreage, less the exempt acreage, owned or managed by the permit holder.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING: Open outdoor fires used in agricultural operations in the management, range improvement, or the improvement of land for wildlife and game habitat, disease or pest prevention, or the use of open outdoor fires used in the operation or maintenance of a system for the delivery of water, wildland burning, forest management including silviculture and timber operations, or prescribed burning.

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS: Includes growing and harvesting of crops, the raising of fowl, animals, or bees for the primary purpose of making a profit, or providing a livelihood, or an educational institution that conducts agricultural research or instruction.

AGRICULTURAL WASTE: Unwanted or unsalable materials produced wholly from agricultural operations and materials not produced from agricultural operations but which are intimately related to the growing or harvesting of crops. Agricultural waste **includes:** Grass and weeds growing in or on fence rows, ditch banks, in or adjacent to fields in cultivation or being prepared for cultivation; vegetation removed for range improvement, for wildlife, game, or livestock habitat, forest management debris, or for the initial establishment of an agricultural operation on previously uncultivated land; fertilizer and pesticide sacks or other receptacles that are made predominately of paper that are burned where the sacks are emptied on that field; material produced from the operation or maintenance of waterways used in agricultural operations.

LAND CLEARING WASTE: Wood from trees, vines, or bushes on property being developed for commercial or residential purposes. A site inspection is required prior to receiving a burn authorization. The inspection fee is established per Rule 507 and is to be paid during permit issuance.

OPERATION OF A MECHANIZED BURNER: The use of open outdoor fires for the purpose of disposing of agricultural wastes, or wood waste from trees, vines, bushes, or other wood debris free of non-wood materials, in a mechanized burner (such as an Air Curtain Incinerator) such that no air contaminant is discharged into the atmosphere for a period or periods aggregating more than 30 minutes in any eight-hour period which is: (a) as dark or darker in shade as that designated as No. 1 on the Ringelmann Chart, as published by the United States Bureau of Mines, or (b) of such opacity as to obscure an observer's view to a degree equal to or greater than does smoke described in subdivision (a). (HSC §41812). Operation of a mechanized burner is subject to a District inspection/fee per Rule 507 to be paid during permit issuance.

RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING; LEVEE, DITCH, AND RESERVIOR MAINTENANCE: the burning by a public entity or utility for right of way clearing or other property access, or for levee, ditch, reservoir, or drainage maintenance.