



BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO BURN ON A NO-BURN DAY

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Permit # _____

Office Phone: 332-9400 (toll free 1-855-332-9400) Fax: 332-9417

Office Hours: M-F 7:30am-12noon and 1-4:30 pm, Except Tuesdays when the office opens at 8:30am

Applicant Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ This Permit is Valid on (Specify Date): _____

Location of Burn Site(s) (nearest crossroads)	Type of Waste	Acres	x Fee/Ac	= Fee

(attach additional pages if necessary)

Burn Category	Fee/Acre *	Acreage Fee		
Rice	\$3.50/ac	Special Permit to Burn on a No-Burn Day - Base Fee	\$70.00	
Wildland Vegetation	\$0.75/ac		Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council Fee	\$ 5.00
Forest Management	\$0.75/ac		Total Fee Due	\$

*Note: Pursuant to Rule 507, burned acreage fees for a Special Permit to Burn on a No-Burn-Day only apply to rice straw burning, wildland vegetation management burning, and forest management burning and are due at the time of permit issuance.

State below the reasons why denying you a permit to burn TODAY - a No-Burn Day - "would threaten imminent and substantial economic loss" pursuant to Section 41862 of the California Health & Safety Code (attach additional pages if necessary):

Estimate the dollar value economic loss you will incur if burning is not completed TODAY:

Did you attempt to burn this material before today? _____ If not, why not? _____

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

- This permit is only valid for a one (1) day period and only on the date authorized by the Air Pollution Control Officer. Before burning you must receive verbal authorization from the on-duty inspector.
- 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. In addition, burn permit holders must also comply with local fire protection agency permit requirements.
- IGNITION HOURS: Orchard crops, brush, land clearing waste: 8:45am to one hour before sunset year round.
Field crops, weeds: 10am to 5pm from March 1 - August 31
10am to 3pm from Sept. 1 - February 28 (flames out by 4pm)
- All field crop waste shall be backfired or strip fired into the wind, or other methods allowed by special permit from the AQMD.
- All waste shall be arranged to facilitate efficient burning and shall be free of prohibited materials such as 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 is not permissible. The waste shall be dried as required, free of visible moisture, and ignited with approved ignition devices.
- This burn permit shall be available for inspection at the burn site during any burn operation.
- The "Right of Entry" as delineated by the California Health and Safety Code 41510 of Division 26 shall apply at all times. AQMD staff shall not be denied access to burn sites.

INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

REPORTING PROCEDURES:

1. Authorization must be received from AQMD staff by calling 332-9400 before igniting. Growers wishing to burn rice straw must have filed a map and field data sheet with the District.
2. Notification must include the following information:
 - A. AQMD Burn Permit #
 - B. Type of crop
 - C. Acreage to burn
 - D. Location of burn

ACREAGE FEE: The fees applicable for orchard prunings are on a per acre basis to the **entire planted acreage** owned or managed by the permit holder, except for exempt acreage. 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.

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.

Agricultural waste **does not include:** Agricultural commodities such as baled rice straw or hay, either intact or spread after baling, hulls, shells and other debris from post-harvest processing operations, waste removed from the property where it was grown, shop waste, demolition debris, garbage, oil filters, crankcase oil, or other petroleum wastes, tires, painted or treated lumber, plastic pesticide containers and other similar materials.

BURNED ACREAGE FEE: The fees for acreage actually burned or authorized for burning.

LAND CLEARING WASTE: Wood from trees, vines, or bushes on property being developed for commercial or residential purposes. An inspection is required prior to receiving a burn authorization (subject to District fee established 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.

DRYING TIMES: Wastes from the above categories shall be dried from the time of cutting, felling, or uprooting as follows:

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| 3 days | Spread rice straw (Crackle test is applicable for rice straw after any rain which exceeds 0.15 inches) |
| 10 days | Rowed rice straw |
| 15 days | Vines, trimmings and bushes 6 inches in diameter or less |
| 30 days | Trees, stumps, and branches greater than 6 inches in diameter |

FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN PERMIT: A fire department burn permit may also be required. You must be in compliance with both air quality and fire department burn permit requirements. For further information about fire department burn permits, contact your local fire protection agency.

I have read the above conditions, and those specified on the reverse side, and agree to comply with all the conditions stated on the burn permit. I understand that failure to comply with Butte County AQMD 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 _____

Permit Denied Permit Approved Authorized by: _____

Issued By: _____ Date Issued: _____ Permit is only Valid on (Specify Date): _____

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

Copy to: Compliance Division, CA Air Resources Board