



BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT

629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15 Chico, CA 95928 www.bcaqmd.org

Permit # _____

Office Phone: 332-9400 (toll free 1-855-332-9400) Fax: 332-9417 Burn Day Status: 332-9406

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

Applicant Name _____ Telephone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ **NEW** Planted acreage total: _____ Acres

| Location of Burn Site(s) (nearest crossroads) | Type of Crop | Acres | x Fee/Ac | = Fee |
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If claiming an exemption or if adding additional burn sites, attach District Form 351, Acreage Worksheet

| Burn Category: | Fee/Acre: | Acres | x Fee/Ac | = Fee |
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| Orchard Prunings..... | \$0.75/ac | | | |
| Field Crops (other than rice)... | \$1.15/ac | | | |
| Grass & Weeds..... | \$1.15/ac | | | |
| Right-of-Way, Levee, Ditch..... | \$1.15/ac | | | |
| Land Clearing..... | \$0.75/ac | | | |
| Employee Instruction..... | \$0.75/ac | | | |
| Wild-land and Forest Management (billed after burning) | \$1.00/ac | | | |
| Land-Clearing Inspection Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | | | Base Fee | \$25.00 |
| | | | Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council Fee | \$5.00 |
| | | | Commercial Land Clearing for Development of 5 Acres or more: Burn Inspection Fee (\$84.75) | |
| | | | <i>Note: Inspection is required prior to receiving a burn authorization</i> | |
| | | | Wildland and Forest Management Only: Program Registration Fee (\$140.00) | |
| | | | TOTAL FEE | |
| <i>Fees assessed pursuant to Butte County AQMD Rule 507</i> | | | | |

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

- This burn permit is only valid for the locations specifically identified on this burn permit. This burn permit allows burning only on those days when agricultural burning is not prohibited by the State Air Resources Board or by the Butte County Air Quality Management District (AQMD).
- 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.
- Contact AQMD at **332-9406 after 8:45am** to determine burn day status. To burn brush or orchard waste, provide notification prior to ignition (see reverse side for details). For permission to burn field crops, weeds, ditches, stumps, orchard removal, or land clearing for development of five (5) acres or more, you **MUST contact the AQMD on-duty inspector to receive authorization prior to burning. For authorization for weekend burning, call the on-duty inspector during the week prior.**
- IGNITION HOURS: Orchard crops, brush, land clearing waste: 8:45am to one hour before sunset year-round.
Field crops and weeds: 10am to 5pm from March 1 - August 31
10am to 3pm from Sept. 1 - February 28 (flames out by 4pm)
- Field crops harvested prior to Sept. 10, SHALL NOT be burned Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 without prior written authorization.
- All field crop waste shall be backfired or strip fired into the wind, or other methods allowed by special permit from 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.
- The amount of acreage and hours of burning may be limited by the Air Pollution Control Officer in accordance with Rule 300 of the Butte County AQMD Rules and Regulations.
- 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.

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 _____

Issued by _____ Date Issued _____ Expiration Date _____

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

INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

REPORTING PROCEDURES:

1. The permittee must notify AQMD on the intended day of burning for an authorization to burn before igniting.
2. Notification must include the following information:
 - A. AQMD permit #
 - B. Type of crop
 - C. Acreage to burn
 - D. Location of burn
3. Special considerations for field crops, stumps, orchard removal, weeds, grass or ditch-banks: Authorization must be received from AQMD staff by calling 332-9400. Growers wishing to burn field crops between Sept. 1-Dec. 31 must also file a map and data sheet.

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** owned or managed by the permit holder, except for exempt acreage. ***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 (District Form 351, Acreage Worksheet, is used to claim exemptions).

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 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 of \$84.75, 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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| 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.

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| Paradise FD 767 Birch St. Paradise 95969 872-6264 | El Medio FD 3515 Myers St. Oroville 95966 533-4484 | Oroville FD 2055 Lincoln St. Oroville 95965 538-2480 | Chico FD 42 Salem St. Chico 95928 897-3400 | Biggs FD/Cal-Fire 434 B St. Biggs 95917 868-5834 |
| Plumas USFS 875 Mitchell Ave. Oroville 95965 534-6500 | Lassen USFS 7288 Humboldt Rd. Butte Meadows 95942 873-0580 | Butte Co. FD/Cal-Fire 176 Nelson Ave. Oroville 95965 538-7111 | Gridley FD/Cal-Fire 47 E. Gridley Rd. Gridley 95948 846-2470 | Richvale FD/Cal-Fire 1236 School St. Richvale 95974 882-4304 |