



SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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YARD BURNING GUIDE

THE BURN SEASON WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS DECEMBER 1 THROUGH APRIL 30 ONLY. BURNING OUT OF SEASON MAY RESULT IN A CITATION AND YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR ALL SUPPRESSION COSTS.

Beginning December 1st, open yard burning will be permitted for one or two-family dwellings **ONLY**. The burn season will end on April 30th. The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District does not require a permit for this type of burning.

Burning is permitted only on days approved by the California Air Resources Board. To determine the current burn day status and burn information call 1-800-225-2876. (Our area is referred to as "Santa Cruz County" on the recording).

Burning shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Only yard trimmings and brush originating on the premises of one or two family dwellings may be burned.
2. The material shall be arranged in small piles to facilitate burning and shall be free of waste material such as tires, rubbish, tar paper, plastic, poison oak, construction materials and household garbage, etc.
3. The use of any combustible and/or flammable liquid as starting fuels are expressly prohibited.
4. All burning shall be conducted at a distance of more than 25 feet from any building, structure, property line or combustible material.
5. No burning is permitted before 8:00 A.M. or after 4:00 P.M.
6. A garden hose with a water supply shall be available near the area where the burning is done, and a competent person shall be in attendance at all times until the fire has been extinguished. All fires must be completely extinguished at the end of the burn day.

7. **All Burning In An Incinerator Is Prohibited.**

Permits are required for all "**Agricultural Burning**" and can be obtained at the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, or call 831-647-9411.

This information in no way relieves your responsibilities to neighboring properties and to burn in the prescribed manner. Failure to burn within the requirements of the law may result in a citation and you may be liable for all suppression costs.



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Backyard Burning Guidelines for December 1st to April 30th

1. Only single & two family dwellings may dispose of yard trimmings and brush during this time period.
2. Contact your local Fire Department for any open burning permits or burning time requirements.
3. Backyard burning is allowed only on permissive burn days as declared by the California Air Resources Control Board.
4. For burn day status call 1-800-225-burn. (1-800-225-2876)
5. NO poison oak or poison ivy prunings can be burned.
6. The backyard trimmings must be free from combustible impurities such as rubbish, plastic, lumber, tires, metal, tar paper, and construction or demolition debris.
7. All grass and small brush shall be dry as feasible, with at least 10 days of drying time. No green or wet backyard trimmings can be added to the burn piles, unless the material has had an additional 10 day drying period.
8. Trees and branches under two (2) inches in diameter must be dried at least 30 days prior to burning.
9. Trees and branches under six (6) inches in diameter must be dried at least 60 days prior to burning.
10. Trees, stumps, and root balls over six (6) inches in diameter must be dried at least 180 days prior to burning.
11. NO burning will be allowed if the smoke impacts neighbors or create a public nuisance.
12. The material to be burned must be arranged to allow air to circulate freely by stacking the material loosely on the burn pile.
13. Contact your local Fire Department to determine the size and number of burn piles that can be burned on your property safely each day.
14. Light the down wind side of any burn pile, because this allows the material to burn more thoroughly, with less smoke emissions to the atmosphere, and better control of the fire.

Backyard Burning Rule of Thumb

Anything that grows on your property can be burned on your property if the guidelines above have been followed.