



Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

Backyard Burning of Garbage Illegal



The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is advising that state air quality regulations prohibit residents from burning household garbage. Burning garbage releases large amounts of dangerous chemicals into the air that remain in the environment long after the fire is extinguished.

No household garbage can be burned anywhere in the state. Dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property, can still be burned in open piles on the ground if you have a valid burn permit from your local fire protection agency and it is a permissive burn day.

Burn permits must be obtained from your local fire agency, and burning can occur only on permissive burn days. The state has designated some areas where burn barrels could be used to burn dry vegetation, paper and cardboard only.

Area Restrictions for the Burning of Vegetation, Paper and Residential Waste in Open Piles and Burn Barrels in Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties

RESTRICTIONS FOR AREA 1:

Allowed: Burning of dry natural vegetation on piles on the ground with a valid burn permit on a permissive burn day.

Prohibited: Use of burn barrels and burning of any other residential waste.

AREA 1 includes:

City of Bishop
Town of Mammoth Lakes
93526 – Independence & Aberdeen
93545 – Lone Pine
93646 – Kirkwood

(number indicates zip code)

RESTRICTIONS FOR AREA 2:

Allowed: Burning of dry natural vegetation on piles on the ground with a valid burn permit on a permissive burn day.

Prohibited: Use of burn barrels and burning of any other residential waste

AREA 2 includes:

93513 – Big Pine
93514* – Unincorporated area of Bishop, Laws, Round Valley, Rovana, Swall Meadows (*Excludes the City of Bishop)
93529 – June Lake & June Lake Junction
93530 – Keeler
93546** – Crowley Lake (**Excludes the Town of Mammoth Lakes)
96107 – Coleville, Walker
96133 – Topaz area
96120 – Markleeville, Emigrant Trail, Fredricksburg, Mesa Vista, Woodfords, Crystal Springs Rd, Hope Valley

RESTRICTIONS FOR AREA 3:

Allowed: Burning of non-glossy paper, cardboard and dry natural vegetation in burn barrels or on piles on the ground with a valid burn permit on a permissive burn day.

Prohibited: Burning of any other residential waste.

AREA 3 includes:

93514* – Chalfant, Chalfant Valley & Hammil Valley (*Excludes the City of Bishop)
92328 – Death Valley, DV Junction, Stovepipe Wells
92384 – Shoshone
92389 – Tecopa, Tecopa Hot Springs
93522 – Darwin
93527 – Inyokern, Pearsonville
93549 – Olancha, Cartago
93512 – Benton
93517 – Bridgeport
93541 – Lee Vining, Mono City
Inyo County portions of:
89060 – Stewart Valley
89061 – Charleston View
89019 – Sandy Valley