

RULE 412. OPEN BURNING OF NON-INDUSTRIAL WOOD WASTE AT CITY OR COUNTY DISPOSAL SITES

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- A. No person shall burn non-industrial wood waste on "no-burn" days as announced by the State Air Resources Board for the Counties of Inyo, Mono, and Alpine or when prohibited by the Air Pollution Control Officer.
  
- B. Burning of non-industrial wood waste at city or county disposal sites shall be restricted to sites above 1,500 feet (above mean sea level), that have been approved for such burning by the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) and the California Air Resources Board. Approval shall be based upon the submittal of written documentation for each site which shall include:
  - 1. A copy of the resolution by the applicable city council or county board of supervisors declaring their intention to allow burning at designated sites.
  - 2. The estimated tonnage and type of material to be burned at each site with the estimated criteria pollutant emissions, broken down by month for a one year period and an analysis of air quality trends showing that the proposed burns will not prevent the achievement or maintenance of the ambient air quality standards.
  - 3. Location and elevation of the sites to be used for burning.
  - 4. A copy of a written statement by the owner of the land on which the disposal site is located approving the burn on such land.
  - 5. Written approval of the fire protection agency having authority over the proposed burn site.
  - 6. A statement explaining why burning at the disposal site will not create a nuisance. This shall include consideration for the site's proximity to population centers and the prevailing wind pattern.
  - 7. A statement indicating who is responsible to verify that only non-industrial wood waste is burned and how often inspections shall be made at each site.
  
- C. Such burning when authorized shall conform to the following criteria:
  - 1. Material to be burned shall be as dry as feasible prior to burning, and shall be free from combustible impurities such as tires, tar paper, rubbish, plastics, demolition or construction debris, and shall be reasonably free of dirt, soil, and visible surface moisture.
  - 2. Trees and branches over two inches in diameter shall have been dried for at least 10 days prior to burning.
  - 3. Branches under two inches in diameter and prunings shall have been dried for at least 1 week prior to burning.

4. Exceptions to the foregoing may be made by the fire authority which issues the permits to burn, after notification to the Air Pollution Control Officer, and if the material to be burned is diseased or insect infested and there would be irreparable damage if the foregoing standards were rigidly enforced.
  5. Material to be burned shall be so arranged as to burn with a minimum of smoke.
  6. All burning shall conform to the applicable jurisdictional fire code(s).
- D. The use of oil or tires in connection with the ignition or burning of non-industrial wood wastes is prohibited.
- E. No non-industrial wood waste shall be burned without a permit issued by a fire protection authority having jurisdiction over the proposed burn location. As a condition to the issuance of a permit, each applicant shall provide the information required by the issuing agency on forms prepared jointly by said agency and the District. The permit may place a limit upon the amount of materials to be burned in any one day and the hours of the day during which time the material may be burned. Further, the form of this permit shall contain the following words or words of similar import: 'This permit is valid only on those days during which agricultural burning is not prohibited by the State Air Resources Board or by the Air Pollution Control Officer pursuant to Section 41855 of the Health and Safety Code.'
- F. Burning shall be curtailed when smoke is drifting into a populated area or creating a public nuisance. If smoke from a particular site repeatedly drifts into a populated area or causes a nuisance, the APCO will revoke approval for that site.
- G. The total amount of material burned in any one day, may be limited by the District, taking into consideration matters which would affect the ambient air quality of the District.

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