

# NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

315 East Ivy Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

(760) 723-2010

## Open Burning Advisory Bulletin

The North County Fire Protection District issues permits for open burning in accordance with Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and other State and local rules and regulations. As a result of a State audit of APCD's rules and regulations, new, more restrictive policies are now in effect (APCD Rule 101). Future open burning conducted within the confines of the North County Fire Protection District will be subject to the following:

1. Permits for open burning are issued only for legitimate agricultural operations, which means "any operation occurring on a ranch or farm related to the growing of crops, for the primary purpose of making a profit or for a livelihood." Agricultural burning means "open burning of vegetation produced wholly from the growing and harvesting of crops in agricultural operations."
2. Burning permits applications are now obtained only through the Fire Prevention Bureau, located at the Headquarters Fire Station, 315 E. Ivy St. in Fallbrook, (760) 723-2010. Business hours are 7am to 4pm, Monday through Friday (closed from 12pm to 1pm for lunch). Permits are issued at the burn site upon successful completion of the burn site inspection.
3. All applications for open burning will require inspection by this agency prior to issuance of a burning permit. There is no fee for an initial inspection however, any re-inspection (due to the applicant's failure to comply with the requirements stated herein) will require payment of a fee of \$41.11 to obtain the burning permit.
3. The following burn permits will require an inspection by the Calif. Dept. of Forestry: (1) burns over 1 ton, (2) fire hazard clearing, (3) clearing of diseased crops.
4. Material to be burned shall consist only of agricultural trimmings (no trash, tar paper, construction material, plastic-petroleum products or man-made material).
5. The area around the material to be burned shall be cleared a minimum of 30' to bare earth.
6. A reliable water supply and sufficient hose must be on the burn site to allow control of the fire. Hand tools (such as shovels, rakes) and water shall be provided on the burn site.
7. An English speaking adult shall be at the burn site until the fire is extinguished. A copy of the Burn Permit shall be left with the person in charge at the burn site.
8. All cut materials must be allowed to sufficiently dry for at least 30 days prior to burning.
9. Violation of conditions of the permit may result in any or all of the following: (1) misdemeanor citation, (2) revocation of burning privilege, and/or (3) cost recovery for suppression by fire agencies.
10. Clearing brush or agricultural material for development does not meet Burn Permit requirements and is prohibited.
11. **Call 723-2035 after 8:05 am each day to obtain permission to burn prior to commencing any open burning.**