

New Butte County Air Quality Management District Open Burning Requirements, effective March 1, 2011

Open Burning Category¹	Burning Allowed?	Method²	District Rule 300 Section #	District permit Required?	District Rule 300 Section #
1. Agricultural Burning including Flood Debris Agricultural operations in growing of crops or raising of fowl or animals (as a means of gainful occupation)	Yes	Piles or open field crop waste	4.1, 5.1, 6, 7.1, 8 and 9	Yes	7
2. Agricultural Burning – Rice Straw Burning Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 41865 and Sacramento Valley Smoke Management Plan	Yes	Open field crop waste	4.1, 5.1, 6, 7.1, 8 and 9, specifically 9.11	Yes	7
3. Agricultural Burning – Wildland Vegetation Management Burning Range improvement, forest management, or wildland vegetation management burn meeting specific criteria	Yes	Piles or broadcast burn	4.1, 5.1, 5.22, 5.39, 5.55, 6, 7.1, 8 and 9, specifically 9.12	Yes	7
4. Non-Agricultural Burning - Fire Hazard Reduction Burning for compliance with local fire ordinances. a. Multi-unit dwellings b. By Commercial Entities c. On residential lots equal to or greater than one acre	Yes	Piles	4.7, 4.10, 5.20, 5.30, 6, 7.4.6, 8, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.8	No	7.4
5. Non-Agricultural Burning – Fires Set By Public Officer	Yes	Any approved method	4.8, 4.10, 5.30, 6, 7.45, 8, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3	No	7.4
6. Non-Agricultural Burning – Disposal of Contraband	Yes	Any approved method	4.4, 5.14, 5.30, 6, 7.45, 8, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.4	No, but must provide notice of intent to ignite	7.4
7. Non-Agricultural Burning – Industrial Site Fire Training	Yes	Any approved method	4.9, 6, 7.1, 8, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.5	Yes	7
8. Non-Agricultural Burning – Land Clearing Any size parcel for purposes of real estate development	Yes	Piles	4.10, 5.25, 5.30, 6, 7.1, 8, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.6	Yes	7
9. Non-Agricultural Burning – Right of Way, Levee, Reservoir and Ditch Clearing Conducted by a public entity or utility	Yes	Piles or broadcast burn	4.14, 6, 7.1, 8, 10.0, 10.2 & 10.7	Yes	7
10. Residential Burning Single and two-family dwellings on lots less than one acre.	Yes	Piles, 4 feet diameter max	4.13, 5.40, 6, 7.4.2, 8 and 11	No	7.4
11. Cooking Fire or Recreational Fire	Yes	Piles	6 and 7.4.1	No	7.4.1

Notes: 1. Open Burning Categories as defined by District Rule 300, Recodified and Amended June 24, 2010.

2. Method indicates the usual means of accomplishing the burn, usually as required by local fire agency. Additional performance standards may apply.