



BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT

2525 Dominic Drive, Suite J Chico, CA 95928

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: 891-2882 (toll free 1-888-891-2882) Fax: 891-2878 Burn Day Status: 891-2876

Office Hours: M-F 7:30am-12noon and 1-4:30pm Except Tuesdays when the office opens at 8:30am

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Burn Site(s) (nearest crossroads)		Type of Waste	Acres	x Fee/Ac	= Fee
<i>(attach additional pages if necessary)</i>				Acres	Fee
<b>Burn Category</b>	<b>Fee/Acre</b>			<b>Base Fee</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Orchard Prunings.....	\$0.50/ac			<b>Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council Fee</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Field Crops (other than rice)...	\$0.75/ac			<b>Commercial Land Clearing for Development of 5 Acres or more: Burn Inspection Fee (\$78.20)</b>	
Grass & Weeds.....	\$0.75/ac				
Right-of-Way, Levee, Ditch.....	\$0.75/ac			<i>Note: Inspection is required prior to receiving a burn authorization</i>	
Land Clearing.....	\$0.50/ac				
Employee Instruction.....	\$0.50/ac			<b>Wildland and Forest Management Only: Program Registration Fee (\$120.00)</b>	
Wild-land and Forest Management (billed after burning)	\$0.50/ac				
Land-Clearing Inspection Completed: <input type="checkbox"/>				<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	
<i>Fees assessed pursuant to Butte County AQMD Rule 507</i>					

**THIS AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT IS VALID ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

- This burn permit allows burning only on those days when agricultural burning is not prohibited by the State Air Resources Board or by the Butte County Air Quality Management District (AQMD).
- This burn permit may be revoked, suspended, or terminated for violation of any condition specified or when determined necessary for public safety by the APCO or his designated deputy. In addition, burn permit holders must also comply with local fire protection agency permit requirements.
- Contact AQMD at **891-2876 after 8:45am** to determine burn day status. To burn brush or orchard waste, provide notification prior to ignition (see reverse side for details). For permission to burn rice straw, other field crops, weeds, ditches, stumps, orchard removal, or landclearing for development of five (5) acres or more, you **MUST contact the AQMD on-duty inspector to receive authorization prior to burning. For authorization for weekend burning, call the on-duty inspector during the week prior.**
- IGNITION HOURS:** Orchard crops, brush, land clearing waste: 8:45am to one hour before sunset year round.  
Rice and other field crops, weeds: 10am to 5pm from March 1 - August 31  
10am to 3pm from Sept. 1 - February 28 (flames out by 4pm)
- Field crops harvested prior to Sept. 10, SHALL NOT be burned Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 without prior written authorization.
- All field crop waste shall be backfired or strip fired into the wind, or other methods allowed by special permit from AQMD.
- All waste shall be arranged to facilitate efficient burning and shall be free of prohibited materials such as tires, plastic, metal, painted/treated lumber, cloth, rubber, or other similar smoke producing material. Burning of any agricultural commodity such as previously baled hay or rice is not permissible. The waste shall be dried as required, free of visible moisture, and ignited with approved ignition devices.
- The amount of acreage and hours of burning may be limited by the Air Pollution Control Officer in accordance with Rule 300 of the Butte County AQMD Rules and Regulations.
- This burn permit shall be available for inspection at the burn site during any burn operation.
- The "Right of Entry" as delineated by the California Health and Safety Code 41510 of Division 26 shall apply at all times. AQMD staff shall not be denied access to burn sites.

I have read the above conditions, and those specified on the reverse side, and agree to comply with all the conditions stated on the burn permit. I understand that failure to comply with Butte County AQMD Rules and Regulations will subject me to a civil or criminal action, or both. I understand that the issuance of this permit does not relieve me of responsibility to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury to persons. I accept responsibility for all burning activities, including smoke impacts, as a result of burning conducted at the above specified burnsite location which is under my legal control.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

### REPORTING PROCEDURES:

1. The permittee must notify AQMD on the intended day of burning for an authorization to burn before igniting.
2. Notification must include the following information:
  - A. AQMD permit #
  - B. Type of crop
  - C. Acreage to burn
  - D. Location of burn
3. Special considerations for rice straw, other field crops, stumps, orchard removal, weeds, grass or ditchbanks: Authorization must be received from AQMD staff by calling 891-2882. Growers wishing to burn rice straw must have filed a map and field data sheet with the District. Growers wishing to burn other field crops between Sept. 1-Dec. 31 must also file a map and data sheet.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING: Open outdoor fires used in agricultural operations in the management, range improvement, or the improvement of land for wildlife and game habitat, disease or pest prevention, or the use of open outdoor fires used in the operation or maintenance of a system for the delivery of water, wildland burning, forest management including silviculture and timber operations, or prescribed burning.

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS: Includes growing and harvesting of crops, the raising of fowl, animals, or bees for the primary purpose of making a profit, or providing a livelihood, or an educational institution that conducts agricultural research or instruction.

AGRICULTURAL WASTE: Unwanted or unsalable materials produced wholly from agricultural operations and materials not produced from agricultural operations but which are intimately related to the growing or harvesting of crops.

Agricultural waste **includes:** Grass and weeds growing in or on fence rows, ditch banks, in or adjacent to fields in cultivation or being prepared for cultivation; vegetation removed for range improvement, for wildlife, game, or livestock habitat, forest management debris, or for the initial establishment of an agricultural operation on previously uncultivated land; fertilizer and pesticide sacks that are burned where the sacks are emptied on that field; material produced from the operation or maintenance of waterways used in agricultural operations.

Agricultural waste **does not include:** Agricultural commodities such as baled rice straw or hay, either intact or spread after baling, shop waste, demolition debris, garbage, oil filters, crankcase oil, or other petroleum wastes, tires, plastic pesticide containers and other similar materials; painted or treated lumber; and agricultural waste removed from the property where it was grown.

LAND CLEARING WASTE: Wood from trees, vines, or bushes on property being developed for commercial or residential purposes. An inspection is required prior to receiving a burn authorization (subject to District fee of \$78.20, to be paid during permit issuance).

RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING; LEVEE, DITCH, AND RESERVIOR MAINTENANCE: the burning by a public entity or utility for right of way clearing or other property access, or for levee, ditch, reservoir, or drainage maintenance.

DRYING TIMES: Wastes from the above categories shall be dried from the time of cutting, felling, or uprooting as follows:

3 days	Spread rice straw
10 days	Rowed rice straw
15 days	Vines, trimmings and bushes 6 inches in diameter or less
30 days	Trees, stumps, and branches greater than 6 inches in diameter

Crackle test is applicable for rice straw after any rain which exceeds .15 inches.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN PERMIT: A fire department burn permit may also be required. You must be in compliance with both air quality and fire department burn permit requirements. For further information about fire department burn permits, contact your local fire protection agency.

Paradise FD 767 Birch St. Paradise 95969 872-6264	El Medio FD 3515 Myers St. Orville 95966 533-4484	Oroville FD 2055 Lincoln Blvd Orville 95965 538-2480	Chico FD 42 Salem St. Chico 95928 897-3400	Biggs FD/Cal-Fire 434 B St. Biggs 95917 868-5834
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Plumas USFS 875 Mitchell Ave. Orville 95965 534-6500	Lassen USFS 7288 Humboldt Rd. Butte Meadows 95942 873-0580	Butte Co. FD/Cal-Fire 176 Nelson Ave. Orville 95965 538-7111	Gridley FD/Cal-Fire 47 E. Gridley Rd. Gridley 95948 846-5711
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