

BOULDER CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BACKYARD BURN GUIDE

THE BURN SEASON WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BOULDER CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS DECEMBER 1st THROUGH APRIL 30th ONLY. BURNING OUT OF SEASON MAY RESULT IN A CITATION AND YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR ALL SUPPRESSION COSTS.

Beginning December 1st, open yard burning will be permitted for one or two-family dwellings **ONLY**. The burn season will end on April 30th. The Boulder Creek Fire Protection District does not require a permit for this type of burning, however you must obtain a permit and daily authorization from Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. You may obtain a permit and authorization online at www.mbuapcd.org or by calling 831-647-9411.

Burning is permitted only on days approved by the California Air Resources Board. To determine the current burn day status and burn information phone 1-800-225-2876 or check the Air District's website.

Note: You must listen to the entire recording.

Burning shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. All backyard burning shall be conducted within regulations set forth by Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District's Rule 438. You may download Rule 438 at www.bcfcd.com under the backyard burning link.
2. No burning is permitted on days in which rain is falling. All material to be burned must be dry.
3. Only yard trimmings and brush originating on the premises of one or two-family dwellings may be burned. Stumps, grass clippings, and piled leaves are prohibited from being burned due to their potential for smoke impact.
4. The material shall be arranged in small piles to facilitate burning and shall be free of waste material such as tires, rubbish, tar paper, plastic, poison oak, construction materials and household garbage.
5. The use of any combustible and/or flammable liquid as starting fuels is expressly prohibited.
6. Backyard burning shall be limited to parcels 1 acre or greater, except in areas where curbside yard waste pick-up is not available. A waiver may be granted at the discretion of the Air District following a site inspection. Call 831-647-9411 for a site inspection.

7. All burning shall be conducted at a distance of more than 25 feet from any building, structure property line or combustible material located on the property. Additionally Backyard burning shall be conducted at least 100 feet from any residential or commercial structure on an adjacent property. A waiver may be granted at the discretion of the Air District following a site inspection. Call 831-647 9411 for a site inspection.

8. No backyard burning shall commence before 8:00 a.m. and no additional fuels may be added after 3:00 p.m. on any day. All burns must be extinguished by 4:00 p.m. on the same day.

9. A garden hose with a water supply shall be available near the area where the burning is done, and a **competent person shall be in attendance at all times until the fire has been extinguished.**

10. **All Burning In An Incinerator Is Prohibited.**

11. Keep smoke to a minimum so as not to be a nuisance to neighbors. Fires creating a nuisance will be extinguished.

Permits are required for all "**Agricultural Burning**" and can be obtained at the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, or by phone at 831-647-9411.

This information in no way relieves your responsibilities to neighboring properties and to burn in the prescribed manner. Failure to burn within the requirements of the law may result in a citation and you may be liable for all suppression costs.