



VINEYARD OR ORCHARD PRUNING AND ATTRITION FIRES

Please Print Legibly

BURNER INFORMATION

Name of Responsible Person Setting the Fire: _____
 Address: _____ Tel: () _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____

BURN SITE INFORMATION

Property Owner(s): _____ Tel: () _____
 Location (Street Address): _____
 City: _____ County: _____
 Planned Burn Date(s): _____

SPECIFIC TYPE(S) OF MATERIAL TO BE BURNED

Quantity of Grapevine Prunings: _____ () Yd ³ or () Tons	Quantity and type of Cane Fruit Prunings: _____ () Yd ³ or () Tons
Quantity and type of Fruit Tree Prunings: _____ () Yd ³ or () Tons	Quantity and type of Nut Tree Prunings: _____ () Yd ³ or () Tons
Quantity and type of Other (specify, e.g., olives): _____	() Yd ³ or () Tons

Fires must be set or allowed by the public fire official having jurisdiction. Compliance with Regulation 5 does not relieve a person of the responsibility to know and comply with any other applicable rule, regulation, or law governing the use of fire.

BURN AUTHORIZATION (if required by local fire agency)

Authorizing Public Fire Official: _____ Tel: () _____
 Title: _____ Date Authorized: _____
 Authorizing Fire Agency: _____

*This notification form is **not** an application for a permit. The District does **not** require a permit in order to burn. You are required to notify the District prior to burning by submitting this form. You will **not** receive a response.*

By submitting this notification, I understand and acknowledge the restrictions set forth for an agricultural fire as defined in BAAQMD Regulation 5-201, "Agricultural Fire."

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEE BACK OF FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clearly print the requested information on the notification form. Please provide complete and accurate data.
2. Obtain written burn authorization, if required by local fire agency with jurisdiction. Check with your local fire agency.
3. Prior to burning, send the completed notification form to the District via FAX or by mail. **Send only one notification per burn season, unless additional material is added to quantity listed above.**
 - FAX the front side of this form to the District at (415) 928-0338.
 - MAILED notification forms must be **postmarked at least 5 days** before burning.
4. On the planned burn date, call the 24-Hour Burn Day Status Recording at (800) 792-0787 to determine if it is a Burn Day.

DEFINITIONS

Agricultural Fire – A fire used for the purpose of initiating, continuing or maintaining agriculture as a gainful occupation. Fuels are limited to those grown on-site.

Attrition Losses – The removal of dying crops approaching, or dead crops that have reached the end of their plant life cycle.

Commercial Agricultural Operation – Any operation occurring on a ranch or farm directly related to the growing of crops, or raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit or for a livelihood, or of conducting agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution.

Gainful Occupation – Any occupation from which there is proof of gross profit or loss as evidenced by tax receipts, sales slips or other such documents.

REMEMBER: It is the responsibility of the person who conducts a Vineyard or Orchard Pruning and Attrition fire to know and satisfy all of the following additional requirements and conditions:

- Burning is limited to the following: prunings and attrition losses from fruit trees (apple, peach, apricot, cherry, plum, etc.), nut trees (almonds, walnuts, etc.), grapevines, and cane fruit (boysenberry, raspberry, blackberry, etc.).
- You cannot burn residential or “backyard” waste, garden trimmings, leaves, landscape (tree branches, plants, and grass) debris and cuttings, and any of the above agricultural waste that is not from a **commercial agricultural operation**.
- Burn Period – Fires are limited to a period beginning November 1 and ending April 30; however, upon the determination of the District’s Air Pollution Control Officer that heavy winter rainfall has prevented such burning, the burn period may be extended to no later than June 30.
- Burn Day Status – Fires are only allowed on permissive burn days, as determined by the District.
- Burn Hour Restrictions – Do not burn before 10:00 a.m. In the afternoon, fires cannot be ignited and material cannot be added to fires after two hours before sunset.
- Smoke Production – piled material must be managed to ensure that burning the material does not produce smoke after sunset any day.
- Drying Times – The material to be burned must be dried for at least 60 days. When pruning is done between February 15 and April 30 for integrated pest management purposes, the following drying times shall apply: trees and branches over six inches in diameter: 30 days; for grape vines and branches less than or equal to six inches in diameter: 15 days.
- Fuel Condition – The material to be burned must be reasonably free of dirt and soil.
- Pile Size Limits – The base area of each pile must not exceed 25 square yards and the pile height must be at least two-thirds of the average width of the pile.
- Wind Conditions – Fires cannot be ignited and material cannot be added to fires when the wind velocity is less than 5 miles/hour or when the wind direction at the burn site is such that the direction of smoke drift is toward a populated area.

For other allowable fires, see Form “A.” For Hazard Reduction fires, see Form “C.”
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