



## Burn Permit Standards

The following requirements shall be applied to Agricultural Open Burning:

- A permit is required by the Oceanside Fire Department and the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to conduct Agricultural Open Burning operations.
- Both permits may be applied for at the Fire Department:
  - 300 North Coast Highway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, South Building, Oceanside, CA 92054
- Burn Permits are subject to the [current fee schedule](#).
- Burn Permits are issued for the calendar year and expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A site inspection will be required prior to the first burning operation of the calendar year.
- Upon approval, a Burn Permit will be provided by the fire inspector.
- The permit shall be available for review anytime burning operations are being conducted.

Minimum Requirements:

- The open burning location(s) shall be located in a parcel that is zoned as agricultural and be at least 100 feet from structures and combustible fences.
- Pile(s) shall be located within 150 feet of an approved access road.
- Open Burning piles shall not exceed 4 feet in diameter.
- The ground surface around the burn pile shall be cleared to bare dirt for at least 10 feet around it.
- No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences.
- Agricultural waste shall be reasonably free of dirt, soil, and visible moisture, and arranged so that it will burn with a minimum amount of smoke.
- Agricultural waste shall be sufficiently dry to allow for maximum combustion efficiency. Drying time starts from the date the material was felled or cut.
- Agricultural waste shall be allowed to dry for the following minimum times:
  - Trees and large branches (4" or more in diameter): 60 days.
  - Prunings and small branches (less than 4" in diameter): 30 days.
  - Field crop waste and other similar agricultural wastes: 15 days.
  - For all other agricultural wastes not specifically listed above: 10 days.
  - An exemption to the drying time limits may be granted, upon written request, if vegetation is pest infested and requires immediate treatment by order of the SD County Agricultural Commissioner.

During Open Burning operations, the following shall be available:

- An adult shall be present at all times.
- A shovel and rake.
- Charged water hose (or approved water source with nozzle).
- A phone to call 911 in the event of an emergency.

**The Permit Holder is required to call the San Diego APCD and NorthComm on the day of the burn.  
Phone numbers will be provided when the permit is issued.**