



AGRICULTURAL BURNING

Application / Permit



San Jose Fire Department
Bureau of Fire Prevention
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Per Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
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Regulation 5
Open Burning

___ County
___ City

Open Burn Information Line: 1-800-792-0787

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Tel: () _____ - _____

Property Owner: _____ Tel: () _____ - _____
(if different from above):

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Burn Site Information:

Material to be burned: _____

Quantity: _____ () Tons () Yards () Acres

Location (if different from above):

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Allowable Fires:

- 401.2 Crop Replacement¹
- 401.3 Orchard Pruning and Attrition²

¹ Agricultural fires for the purpose of establishing an agricultural crop in a location, which formerly contained another type of agricultural crop or natural growth. The fires must be set or allowed by the public officer having jurisdiction, in the performance of official duty, and must be necessary for the crop replacement to proceed. Fires are limited to a period beginning **October 1 and ending April 30**; however, upon the determination of the APCO that heavy winter rainfall has prevented such burning, the burn period could be extended until **May 31**.

² Agricultural fires for the purpose of disposal of periodic prunings and attrition losses from fruit trees, nut trees, vineyards and cane fruits. Fires must be set or allowed by the public officer having jurisdiction, in the performance of official duty and must be necessary to maintain and continue the growing of the fruit trees, vineyards, and cane fruits as a gainful occupation. Fires are limited to a period beginning **November 1 and ending April 30**; however, upon the determination of the APCO that heavy winter rainfall has prevented such burning, the burn period could be extended until **May 31**.

Emergency Waivers

Public safety considerations requiring the use of summary action resulting in a waiver from any portion of Section 5-111 will be certified to the Air Pollution Control Officer by the following official pursuant to the provisions of Section 5-404:

Authorizing Public Fire Official: _____ Tel: () _____ - _____

Authorizing Fire Agency: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Comments: _____

SAFETY PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY THE SAN JOSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Maintain at least 50 feet of clearance from buildings, fences, and shrubbery. Have some form of fire extinguishing equipment ready for use.
2. Burnable material: Pruning and attrition losses from deciduous fruit and nut trees, and vines.
3. Until extinguished, a competent person must constantly attend the fire.
4. No permit shall be issued for less than one acre.
5. Burn only on days approved by the Santa Clara County Fire Dispatch at (408) 299-2503 or the Agricultural Burning Notice for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at (800) 792-0787 (24-hour recorded message)
6. No burning before 10:00 a.m., local time.
7. No new material may be added to the fire in the two-hours before sunset.
8. The permittee shall also take these precautions:
 - Prunings to be dry, not green wood.
 - Wind direction to be away from populated areas.
 - Wind speed at burn site five miles per hour or more (to dissipate smoke).

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

AUTHORIZATION: (to be completed by the San Jose Fire Department)

Authorizing Public Fire Official: _____ Tel: (408) _____ - _____

Title: _____

Authorizing Fire Agency: San Jose Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention

Proposed Burn Date, Dates, Period: _____

Fire Station Number: _____ Tel: (408) _____ - _____