

GLENN COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Agricultural Burning



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regarding District Rules
for Agricultural Burning
may be obtained at our
website or by calling the
District office.

Agricultural burning is regulated by local, state and federal fire protection agencies, as well as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Glenn County Air Pollution Control District (District).

What is agricultural burning?

Agricultural burning is the use of open outdoor fires in land management and agricultural operations as a means to manage and/ or dispose of vegetative materials, i.e. field crops, orchard prunings, grasses, or weeds. Agricultural burning is used in habitat improvement and disease prevention.

Who needs a burn permit?

Burning of any agricultural waste requires a burn permit which may be purchased from the District. Burn permits are issued annually.

What should I do if I want to burn?

All burning must be reported to the District. Burning is allowed only on permissible burn days as determined by the District. Burn information is available 7 days a week by calling the Burn Line at 1-800-446-2876 or by contacting the District Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at (530) 934-6500. Burn day status is determined daily, typically by 8:45 am. Burning of field crops such as rice, corn, barley, and wheat require advanced coordination with District staff. When burning in Orland or Capay, the permittee must also notify the fire dispatch at (530) 824-7017.

What are the permit conditions?

Materials to be burned must be reasonably free of dirt, soil and dry. Burning of garbage and agricultural byproducts such as walnut/ rice hulls is prohibited. The use of a burn barrel is illegal. The permittee must have at least one able bodied person present during the entire time the fire is burning. Fire suppression equipment is required to be present at the location of the fire. No burning is permitted if the wind is sustained over 15 miles per hour. It is the responsibility of the permittee to prevent smoldering piles, nuisances, and smoke impacts.

What are the burn hours?

Prunings & other burning: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Field crops: Sept. 15 through Nov. 30th—10:00 am to 3:00pm

Remainder of the Year: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm