

## General Information

# QUESTIONS?

## 2018 RICE BURN PROGRAM



- Fall Burn Season is from September 17th - November 30th.
- Burn hours are 10:00 am - 3:00pm with all fires extinguished by 4:00pm.
- Specific ignition times and locations are set by the District to minimize smoke impacts.
- Field allocations will be determined using the Registered Fields List.  
\* The District may temporarily use an alternative "Dry Fields List" after a rain event.
- Splitting fields into smaller portions (<40 acres) is strongly encouraged and will likely increase your ability to burn. Make sure split fields have an adequate fire break.
- The maximum amount you be allocated to burn is 25% of your total PLANTED acres, unless you are a participant in the "1 in 4" Program.

### Follow The Rules!

*District Inspectors will be conducting random inspections to verify planted fields, ignition times, and other burn requirements.*



### The following actions may be subject to a Notice of Violation:

Burning in excess of allocated acres, burning a field other than the one allocated, burning outside of burn hours, not adhering to designated start time, failure to follow permit conditions, and burning on a no burn day.

## Contact Glenn County Air Pollution Staff

## Quick Reference Guide

A Review of Fall Burn  
Program Guidelines

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## Registering a Field

## Burning an Allocated Field

## Other Burning Guidelines

- **Once a field is COMPLETELY harvested, call the District to get on the Registered Fields List.**
- Call Monday - Friday 12:00pm - 4:30pm
- You **MUST** have the following information ready:
  1. Your pesticide/ grower permit number
  2. The site number of the field(s)
  3. Total number of acres harvested for site AND whether these are HOLD acres (you DO NOT intend to burn this site) or READY acres (you DO intend to burn this site).
  4. Contact phone number(s) to be notified when your field may be burned
  5. Road location (nearest crossroads)
  6. Any special burn conditions: Ex: preferred wind direction.
- Weekend calls or messages on the recorder will be disregarded.
- Fields harvested over the weekend should be called in on Monday.
- **If you called in a HOLD, you will need to call when you are ready to burn.**

- District Staff will call out allocated burn acres between 9:30am and 2:00pm daily.
- If you are called, you will be given an ignition time and location (site) to burn. It is important that you adhere to the ignition time and burn requirements set forth by the District.
- If you have concerns with your allocated acres, start time or you are unable to burn what was allocated to you, notify the District as soon as possible that day.
- Per your burn permit conditions, you **MUST** have:
  1. At least 1 able bodied person on-site the entire time the fire is burning.
  2. Fire suppression equipment available at the location of the burn.
- Burning safely and not impacting your neighbors with smoke is your responsibility! Use good judgment and be prepared.
- If your fire escapes and you burn more than allotted, notify the District immediately.
- Backfiring produces less smoke.
- Head fires or peripheral fires are illegal.
- Fires must be completely out with no visible smoke by 4:00pm.
- The burning of fallow fields is not a priority during the Fall Burn Season and shall be approved on a case by case basis.

- Levees, ditches, roads, field edges, & tree stumps must be approved by the District and may no longer be left on the burn line (1-800-446-2876).
- After a period of rain, you must wait until your field is dry enough to burn and can pass the "crackle test." Dry rice straw makes an audible "crackle" when it is bent sharply. Test several locations in the field including under the mat.
- Burns that creep into the field are subject to enforcement and excess acres will come out of your allotted acres, regardless of whether the field was disked, chopped, fluffed, or flooded and may result in a violation.



## Bailed Rice Straw

- Growers may request additional burn acre credit if the straw has been bailed.
- An inspection of the field(s) in question will be performed by the District and reduction will be based on the amount of straw removed.
- Burning broken hay bails must be pre-authorized by the District and spread out.

- **Spot burning** is defined as "touch-up burning" of a field after the initial burn and before cultivation has taken place. A spot burn cannot encompass more than 10 acres and requires approval.
- **Cultivation burning\*** is the burning of accumulated agricultural waste that builds up in the cultivation implements or small patches that will obstruct the proper cultivation of land. This burning must be done during cultivation and is restricted to the check where the cultivation equipment is actually working.
- *\*Additional requirements are listed on the Request for Cultivation Burning form, which must be submitted to the District, and is valid only for the period of time specified.*