

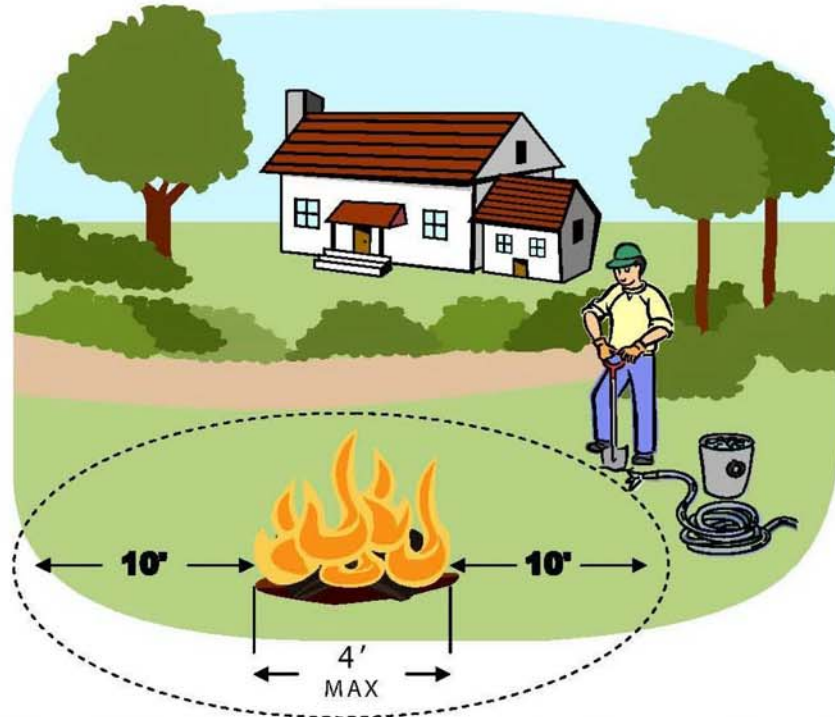


# Pile Burning

The following are burning requirements:

For burning material in small 4-foot x 4-foot piles:

- Maximum pile size 4 foot in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10-feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply close to the burning site.
- An adult should be in attendance with a shovel until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.



No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences. Dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property can still be burned outdoors in open piles, unless prohibited by local ordinances. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days. Burn permits are only valid on "Permissive Burn Days" as determined by the State Air Resources Board or the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

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**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

6059 Highway 9  
FELTON, CA 95018  
(831) 335-5355  
Website: [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)



## Guidelines for Pile Burning

Start after 8:00 am and finish before 6:00 pm

Your fires must be out after dark. Only ignite the material that you can burn by evening.

Have adequate fire tools onsite and functional.

Adequate water to extinguish fire and potential escape.

A responsible adult shall always be in attendance to monitor your fire until it is out.

Pile no bigger than 4'x4' nor taller than 4'.

If you plan on burning piles larger than above – request an inspection from your local fire station.

Bare mineral soil clearance at least 10' wide around each pile.

Burn only cured (dry) material.

Do not burn trash.

Don't burn anything other than vegetative matter.

Only burn on "burn days" set by:

**Santa Cruz County**  
Monterey Bay Area Unified  
Air Pollution Control District  
1-800-225-2876

**San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties**  
Bay Area Air Quality  
Management District  
1-800-435-7247

Don't burn on windy days or days with low relative humidity (Red Flag).

Always call your local fire station before you start.

Follow all applicable Local and State fire and air quality rules and regulations when burning.

If your fire escapes your control and we have to suppress it, you will be liable for suppression costs and potential criminal prosecution.