

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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Guidelines for Pile Burning

Start after 10:00 am and finish before 6:00 pm

All fires must be out by dark. Only ignite the vegetative material you can burn by evening.

You are required to have adequate fire tools onsite and in working order.

You are required to have adequate water to extinguish the fire in case the fire escapes.

A responsible adult SHALL always be in attendance to monitor the fire until it is out.

A pile shall be 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) vegetative material.

Do not burn trash.

Don't burn anything other than vegetative matter from your property.

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 CAL FIRE suppresses it, you will be liable for suppression costs and potential criminal prosecution.