

Verde Valley Fire District

Burn Permit ~ Conditions And Guidelines

This permit shall not release you from liability resulting from damages or the obligation to comply with other applicable laws, regulations or ordinances. When requesting authorization to burn you must provide a valid permit number before receiving permission to burn. Call 649-1397 before burning.

Authorized materials to be burned:

Only organic materials such as weeds, grass, leaves or tree trimmings. (Note: The burning of Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, Poison Sumac and Oleanders are strictly forbidden due to the release of toxic fumes.)

Burning Preparation: Materials to be burned shall be readily combustible and piled (no larger than 4' X 4' X 4'), collected in a pit, or ignited in place using high temperature mechanical burners on ditch banks and /or fence rows in such quantities to be completely consumed within the permitted burn hours. Piles or pit contained material shall be no less than 50 feet from any structure; burner contained materials shall be no less than 15 feet from any structure.

Times for burning: Open burning may be conducted during the following time periods:

March Through October	7 A.M. to 2 P.M.
November through February	10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Conditions for Burning: Burning shall be conducted only during wind conditions which prevent dispersion of smoke into populated areas, visibility impairment on traveled roads or airports to the extent a safety hazard results, or otherwise create a public nuisance, and do not cause uncontrollable spreading of the fire. During times of high winds, no burning will be authorized. No fire shall be ignited during any air pollution emergency episode in effect in the area of the burn, or during periods when smoke can be expected to accumulate to the extent that it will significantly impair visibility. Such visibility impairment can be anticipated during periods of heavy regional haze and/or calm wind conditions.

Required Registration: The Dispatch Center shall be notified prior to the setting of the fire at 649-1397. This permit may be used by the permit holder anywhere within the boundaries of the Fire District, as long as the physical address and contact phone number of the burn are registered with the FD prior to burning. Open burning may be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Burning Requirements: Fires shall be attended at all times. The person attending the fire shall have the necessary equipment (water supply, water hose, shovel, sand, etc.) to control the burning and put out the fire if needed. Create a firebreak 10 feet wide at property lines and around all structures and trees. (Firebreaks may be reduced to 5 feet wide if charged garden hoses are available to reach all areas of the burn. Fires must be completely extinguished before leaving unattended.

Prohibited Burning Materials: You may not burn the following items under any circumstances: garbage, lumber, asphalt material, construction scraps, tar paper, plastic and rubber products (I.e., bottles, tires, electrical wire insulation), waste petroleum products (I.e., crankcase or transmission oil, oil filters), hazardous material containers, including those that contained inorganic pesticides, lead, cadmium, mercury, or arsenic compounds.

Length of Permit: This permit shall be valid for the length of time in which the permit holder reside at the current physical address. Upon a permanent change of physical address, this permit must be relinquished back to the Verde Valley Fire District immediately.