



# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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## AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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### APCD OUTDOOR BURNING GUIDELINES

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**The following information is not all inclusive, it is meant only as a guide to APCD outdoor burning and is not intended to determine compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing outdoor burning throughout Siskiyou County. See also the color "Burning Question" handout.**

**Ask for APCD assistance with any questions.**

**Allowable Combustibles** (what can be burned) anywhere in the County unless prohibited by local ordinance:

- Natural dry vegetation *from* the premises may be burned during burn hours on a burn day.
- In areas where the population density is 3-people per square mile or less and outside of city limits, then non-glossy paper, cardboard and clean wood waste may be burned. Refer to burn barrel restriction area map.

**Permit Requirements:**

- Residential burning of one 4-foot by 4-foot pile of allowable combustibles does not require an APCD burn permit. However, if the property is not residential, e.g. vacant, commercial, or agricultural, then a burn permit IS required.
- APCD burn permit is required for one or more piles of allowable combustibles that are larger than 4' X 4'.
- Agricultural burning of crops, fence lines, and ditches requires APCD ag-burn permit.
- If not ag-burning of crops, then it's non-ag and the Smoke Management Plan requirement applies.
- Burning more than 10 acres or emitting a ton or more of Particulate Matter requires a Smoke Management Plan (ag-burning of crops is exempt from Smoke Mngt. Plan requirement).

**Prohibited Burn Materials** (partial list of what cannot be burned anywhere within County):

- Anything other than natural dry vegetation from the premises except that allowed in low population density area (non-glossy paper, cardboard, clean wood waste).
- Petroleum waste, oil, fuel, rags, tires, metal salvage, wire.
- Demolition debris, insulation, roofing, tarpaper, lumber, sheetrock, flooring, carpet, fixtures.
- Painted, stained, pressure-treated, or composite wood products including-
  - Plywood, particle board, Oriented Strand Board (OSB), counter tops, furniture, cabinets, shelving, siding, T1-11, paneling, etc.