

OPEN BURNING PERMIT FOR DELTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RURAL RESIDENTS

General:

Open burning within the Delta Fire Protection District is regulated by the Sacramento County Fire Prevention Code and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Rule 407). The Rio Vista Fire Department is authorized to issue open burning permits to rural residents living within the Delta Fire Protection District.

The open burning permit applies to the burning of residential yard clippings (organic waste) including grass clippings, tree or shrub clippings, wood, plant bedding materials, etc. only. It does NOT apply to 1) open outdoor fires used only for the cooking of food for human beings or for recreational purposes or 2) agricultural burning.

THE YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROHIBITS OPEN BURNING IN RESIDENTIAL YARDS LOCATED WITHIN INCORPORATED CITIES (Rule 2.8). SUCH OPEN BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY OF RIO VISTA.

Procedure:

The following steps are to be followed to ensure that all necessary open burning permit documentation is completed by authorized Fire Department personnel:

1. The open burning permit template is located on the Administrative computer in the Captain's office.
2. Enter the **Permit No:** found at the top right hand corner of the template using the next available corresponding permit number on the "burn permit log."
3. The "Issued To" applicant information is standard information.
4. "Tonnage" is typically 1 – 3 tons per burn. Any request for an increase above that amount (due to property size) should be discussed with the on-duty Captain or Fire Marshal.
5. Assure that the applicant understands that the permit only allows the burning of residential yard clippings/organic waste. It is illegal to burn refuse, rubbish, garbage, paper, plastic, cardboard, construction materials, tires, etc.
6. The following items are required relative to the burn area:
 - The location must be 50 feet or more from any structure.
 - Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure. Provide a minimum 30 foot firebreak clearance around the burn pile and avoid overhanging tree branches.
 - The fire shall be constantly attended by an adult until it is extinguished.

- Approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment shall be available for immediate use. Equipment can include a minimum 4A rated fire extinguisher, garden hose, water truck, water barrel, etc.
 - The Permittee is responsible for the open burning allowed by the permit. He/she is responsible for any citations, fines, or assessments issued as a result of violation of any code/permit requirements.
7. Open burning is prohibited on an agricultural no-burn day. The applicant must contact Solano Dispatch (707-421-7090) on the day he/she wishes to burn for approval prior to burning. Burning is not permitted before 10:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.
 8. The burn permit is typically valid for a period of 90 days from the date it is issued. Insert the end date in the “Burn permit valid from date issued through” space on the form. Approval of any period exceeding 90 days must be authorized by the Captain, Fire Marshal, or Fire Chief.
 9. The permit is to be signed by the applicant and by the issuing Fire Department Captain, Fire Marshal, or Fire Chief.
 10. Make a copy of the completed permit and place on the burn permit log clipboard.
 11. Give the original permit to the applicant along with a copy of the CALFIRE open burning information packet.