



CITY OF ESCONDIDO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Guidelines for Outdoor Fires

Outdoor fires shall not be built and will not be permitted in hazardous fire areas. This includes wood-burning fires at Kit Carson Park (exception is the deep fire pit with a burn permit), the Dixon Lake Campground, and other property adjacent to, or in wildland areas.

Backyard recreational and cooking fires will be allowed without a permit as long as they meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Wood-burning fires contained in a commercially manufactured portable fireplace, that is equipped with a screen or door, lid or spark arrestor, and is above the ground. Chiminea types do not meet these requirements.
- ◆ Cooking fires using natural gas, propane, or charcoal, contained in commercially-manufactured barbecue or cooking appliance.
- ◆ Permanently installed fire pit, fireplace, barbecue, or cooking appliance for which building permits were issued at the time of construction.
 - Building permits are only issued for the fire pits using natural gas or propane. Permanently installed and permitted fire pits are not designed for wood burning.
- ◆ Permanent barbecues and portable fireplaces shall not be used for the disposal of stumps, rubbish, trash, or combustible waste material.

Outdoor Fire Permits

Miscellaneous Burn Permits:

- ◆ Pit barbecues are allowed, upon completion and approval of a Miscellaneous Burn Permit on a case-by-case basis following an on-site inspection.
- ◆ Miscellaneous Burn Permits are not issued on July 4th weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Eve/Day.
- ◆ A \$100.00 fee is due at the time of application.

Agricultural Burn Permits:

The Air Pollution Control District allows agricultural burning permits to be issued during certain times of the year, within specific limits:

- ◆ Permits are issued only when the weather allows – never during “Fire Season.”
- ◆ Only "Agricultural Material" which is a direct result of agricultural operations (citrus, avocado, macadamia, flowers) or other vegetation cleared from groves may be burned.



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- ◆ Only natural vegetation and trimmings are allowed to be burned. No man-made materials such as processed lumber are allowed to be burned. Burning of trash is prohibited.
- ◆ No green material is allowed to be burned. Vegetation and trimmings 1" or less in diameter must be dried a minimum of 30 days prior to burning. Vegetation and trimmings 1" to 4" in diameter must be dried a minimum of 90 days.
- ◆ No branches or tree stumps 4" or larger in diameter shall be burned.
- ◆ Brush that has been cleared for development does not meet burn requirements and is prohibited from being burned.
- ◆ Maximum burn pile size is 10' x 10' x 10'.
- ◆ Minimum of 30' clearance around pile. Pile to be on bare dirt and located a minimum of 50' away from any structure.
- ◆ An adult 18 years of age or older must be in attendance at all times while the pile is burning.
- ◆ Only one burn pile permitted; others must be fed into main pile.
- ◆ Pressurized water supply must reach around the entire burn pile.
- ◆ Permission to burn must be obtained the day of burn by calling a phone number listed on the permit.
- ◆ Burn Permits are issued for a two-week period and may be extended over the phone for one week at a time, for a total of two weeks.

To obtain a burn permit to burn agricultural materials as specified above:

- ◆ Obtain and complete application. A \$100.00 fee is due at the time of application.
- ◆ Schedule an on-site inspection by Escondido Fire Department personnel.

Burn Permit Applications must be completed at: Fire Administration
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For more information, contact the Escondido Fire Department at (760) 839-5400.