

# NOT A VALID PERMIT TO BURN



Air Pollution Control District  
San Luis Obispo County

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## APPLICATION FOR BACKYARD BURNING OF GREEN WASTE

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION IS REQUIRED  
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY RESULT IN DENIAL OF PERMIT**

**IMPORTANT: THIS IS NOT A BURN PERMIT - Please note that this application form can only be accepted via postal service mail. Complete all sections of this application, print, sign, and mail to the APCD (with \$50.00 permit fee) to 3433 Roberto Court, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. After payment of the fee, please allow a minimum of five (5) business days for the APCD to issue your BURN PERMIT which is valid DURING CAL FIRE DECLARED BURN SEASON on PERMISSIVE BURN DAYS ONLY – the permit must be available when burning. Be advised that the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) may revoke, suspend, or restrict permission to burn for fire prevention reasons, during adverse weather conditions, excessive smoke complaints or violation of any terms, conditions, or applicable laws or regulations.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
address city state zip

ADDRESS OF BURN LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
address Zip APN Number (if known)

NUMBER OF GREEN WASTE PILES TO BE BURNED (20 piles maximum – no larger than 4 ft. high and 6 ft. in diameter) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK HERE AND LIST YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO HAVE YOUR PERMIT EMAILED TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_  
email address

Check Box if Requesting Fee Exemption for Diseased Plant or Plant Pest and describe in space provided below.  
Describe Plant Disease/Plant Pest: \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to obtain an APCD Permit for Backyard Burning of Green Waste, applicants MUST live outside Village or Urban Reserve Lines AND the burn location property must have an occupied residence.** Backyard burning of green waste is prohibited in the Urban Reserve Lines for Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Avila Beach, Baywood Park, Cambria, Cayucos, Grover Beach, Los Osos, Morro Bay, Nipomo, Oceano, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, Santa Margarita, Shandon, and Templeton; and within the Village Reserve Lines for Black Lake, Callendar/Garrett, Creston, Garden Farms, Heritage Ranch, Los Berros, Los Ranchos/Edna, Oak Shores, Palo Mesa, San Simeon Acres, Whitley Gardens, and Woodlands.

### REGULATIONS FOR PROPER BURNING - READ EACH LINE: (DO NOT use this form if your burn will be more than 20 piles of green waste, contact our office.)

- GREEN WASTE BURNING is limited to the burning of **wood waste** from trees, vines, or bushes grown on the property. **Lawn clippings, piled leaves and piles of pine needles shall not be burned.** Burning must take place on designated burn days.
- No burning shall take place if measurable rain has fallen in above location within five (5) days immediately prior to the day of burn.
- Drying times shall be strictly adhered to. No burning of vegetative materials shall take place before they have adequately dried. Drying times, after cutting or uprooting are: 6 weeks for large branches, 3 weeks for prunings and small branches, and 10 days for twigs and smaller sized vegetation.
- All waste burned in place shall be loosely stacked, dried and free of dirt and surface moisture. Piles must be no larger than 4 feet in height and 6 feet in diameter and **attended by an adult at all times with a functioning water hose capable of extinguishing the fire.**
- Piles shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from the property line of neighboring residences and a minimum of 30 feet from any structure, including wooden fences, on the same property. At least 15 feet of clearance surrounding each pile is required to prevent the fire from escaping control.
- Burning may take place only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and only on permissive burn days.
- No green waste burn shall cause a nuisance by allowing smoke or flying ash to impact neighboring residences and property. Piles must be clean burning and smoke free.
- Accelerants or flammable liquids shall not be used to start fires in burn piles. Commercially available starter fluid or lighter fluid is allowed.
- FIRE SAFETY WARNING – Escaped fires will result in a misdemeanor citation (\$2,000.00 State Fire Code & CAL FIRE fine) and/or payment of fire suppression cost.** Do not burn during windy conditions.
- It is **ILLEGAL** to burn the following materials – PILES of LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, PILES of PINE NEEDLES; WOOD PRODUCTS; HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH – cloth, glass, metal, animal carcass, food, etc; RUBBER – sponge, fabric, tires, etc; TAR or CREOSOTE – impregnated paper, shingles, wood, etc; PLASTIC – containers, objects, films, floor covering, synthetic fibers, etc; HYDROCARBONS – oil, grease, solvent, paint, or items heavily coated with hydrocarbons. **Penalty for first violation \$250.00. (State Law: PRC/H&SC \$2,000.00 fine.)**
- Permission to burn will be revoked permanently if burning causes nuisance smoke and complaints.

APPLICANT'S NAME (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash  Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ OIS Entry Complete  Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_