



BAY AREA
AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

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Fax # (415) 928-0338
24-Hour Burn Status Recording (800) 792-0787

REGULATION 5
OPEN BURNING

NOTIFICATION FORM "C"

HAZARD REDUCTION FIRES

Please Print Legibly

BURNER AND BURN SITE INFORMATION

Property Owner(s): _____	Date: _____
Location (Street Address): _____	Tel: () _____
City: _____	County: _____
Planned burn dates: _____	
Name of Person Setting the Fire if different: _____	

SPECIFIC TYPE(S) OF MATERIAL TO BE BURNED

Natural Vegetation Cleared From Around Buildings or Structures: _____ (PRC Section 4291-related)	Quantity: _____ () Yd ³ or () Tons
Natural Vegetation Cleared From Other Areas on Property: _____ (Unrelated to PRC Section 4291)	Quantity: _____ () Yd ³ or () Tons

Fires must be set or allowed by the public fire official having jurisdiction. Compliance with Regulation 5 does not relieve a person of the responsibility to know and comply with any other applicable rule, regulation, or law governing the use of fire.

BURN AUTHORIZATION (if required by local fire agency)

Authorizing Public Fire Official: _____	Tel: () _____
Title: _____	Date Authorized: _____
Authorizing Fire Agency: _____	

Emergency Waivers (This section should only be completed by an authorizing public fire official to grant an emergency waiver, pursuant to Regulation 5-404.)

() 5-401.6 Hazardous Material – See Regulation 5 for definition.

Authorizing Public Fire Official: _____ Tel: () _____

*This notification form is **not** an application for a permit. The District does **not** require a permit in order to burn. You are required to notify the District prior to burning by submitting this form. You will **not** receive a response.*

By submitting this notification, I understand and acknowledge the restrictions set forth for a Hazardous Material fire as defined in BAAQMD Regulation 5-208, "Hazardous Material."

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEE BACK OF FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clearly print the requested information on the notification form. Please provide complete and accurate data.
2. Obtain written burn authorization, if required by local fire agency with jurisdiction. Check with your local fire agency.
 - FAX the front side of this notification form to the District at (415) 928-0338 before setting the fire.
 - MAILED notification forms must be **postmarked at least 5 days** before burning.
1. Prior to burning, send the completed notification form to the District via FAX or by mail. **Send only one notification per burn season, unless additional material is added to quantity listed above.**
2. On the planned burn date, call the 24-Hour Burn Day Status Recording at (800) 792-0787 to determine if it is a Burn Day.

DEFINITIONS

Hazard Reduction Fire – A fire set for the purpose of prevention or reduction of a fire hazard. Refer to Regulation 5-401.6 for explanation of all materials included.

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4291 – A public law that requires any person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains any building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any land area which is covered with flammable vegetation or other combustible growth, at all times to do the following:

Maintain around and adjacent to such buildings and structures a firebreak made by **removing and clearing away**, for a distance of not less than 30 feet on each side thereof or to the property line, whichever is nearer, **all flammable vegetation, or combustible growth**. This requirement does not apply to single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or similar plants, which are used as ground cover, if they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any building or structure.

LIMITATIONS

Burning is limited to the following:

- (1) Only natural vegetation or other native growth;
- (2) The amount of material from a single property cleared and burned annually is greater than 5 cubic yards; and
- (3) The material cannot be abated by an economically, ecologically or logistically viable option.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Wildland vegetation management fires (prescribed burning activities) require submission of a Smoke Management Plan at least 30 calendar days prior to proposed burning. (Regulation 5-408)

You cannot burn residential or “backyard” waste, garden trimmings, leaves, landscape (tree branches, plants, and grass) debris and cuttings, and any type of agricultural waste as a Hazard Reduction fire.

REMEMBER: It is the responsibility of the person who conducts a Hazardous Reduction fire to know and satisfy all of the following additional conditions:

- Burn Day Status - Fires are only allowed on permissive burn days, as determined by the District.
- Burn Hour Restrictions – Do Not Burn before 9:30 a.m. In the afternoon, fires cannot be ignited and material cannot be added to fires after two hours before sunset.
- Smoke Production – piled material must be managed to ensure that burning the material does not produce smoke after sunset any day.
- Fuel Conditions – The material to be burned must be dried for at least 60 days and be reasonably free of dirt and soil.
- Pile Size Limits - the base area of each pile must not exceed 25 square yards and the pile height must be at least two-thirds of the average width of the pile.
- Wind Conditions - Fires cannot be ignited and material cannot be added to fires when the wind velocity is less than 5 miles/hour or when the wind direction at the burn site is such that the direction of smoke drift is toward a populated area.

For other allowable fires, see Form “A.” For Vineyard or Orchard Pruning & Attrition fires, see Form “B.”