Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

Community Risk Reduction Division **www.metrofire.ca.gov**

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Please email completed form to: crrdstaff@metrofire.ca.gov

Todd Harms
Fire Chief

RECREATIONAL BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO BURN DATE

Date of Burn: _____ **Time of Burn**: From: _____ To: _____

Location of Burn: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Description of Materials to be Burned:_____

Organization: _____

Permits for open burning and agricultural burns are not issued by the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. All burning shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements within California Fire Code 307.1 and as required by other governing agencies regulating emissions. Please choose one of the following permit types:

☐ **Bonfires:** A minimum of 50 feet of clearance shall be provided between any structure or other combustible materials including dry grass, shrubbery or fencing pursuant to CFC 307.4.1.

☐ **Recreational Fires:** Pursuant to all of the standards within CFC 307.4.2, the burn area is limited to 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. At least 25 feet of clearance shall be provided between any structure or other combustible materials including dry grass and shrubbery.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE AND FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT PER CFC 307.5:
Bonfires, recreational and/or camp fires, and temporary barbecue pits shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 of the CFC with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

DISCONTINUANCE: The Fire District is authorized to order the extinguishment of permitted fires at any time if such fires are determined to constitute a nuisance or hazardous condition.

- **FOR ALL FIRES OCCURING BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 AND THE LAST DAY IN FEBRUARY THE PERMITTEE MUST CALL THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (877) 662-8765 TO DETERMINE THE LEGALITY TO HAVE A BURN.**
- **ANY PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED DUE TO WEATHER, UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS OR OTHER AGENCIES.**

Any person violating provisions of this permit is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed six months or by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 or both.

I accept this permit under the conditions stated and declare that I am the owner or legal occupant of the property upon which the burn is to be conducted or that I have the permission of the property owner. I understand that this permit is valid only for the date and time specified and the permit holder and their agents are responsible for any damage resulting from their actions.

Permit Holder: _____ **Date Issued:** _____

Issued By: _____ **Assignment:** _____

Denied By: _____ **Reason:** _____

(PRINT & SIGN IN ALL APPLICABLE FIELDS)

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RECREATIONAL BURN PERMIT SITE MAP

This site map shall reference all structures, roads, parking lots, etc. on the parcel where the requested burn is to occur, with relative distances to the burn location identified by rough measurements between them.		
Applicant Signature:	**Applicant Name (printed):**	**Date Submitted:**
Issuer Signature:	**Issuer Name (printed):**	**Date Approved:**

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DIRECTIONS FOR ISSUING RECREATIONAL BURN PERMITS

A completed Recreational Burn Permit Application including a site plan must be submitted in person to the Community Risk Reduction Division located at 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Suite 310, Mather, CA 95655 to receive an authorized Recreational Burn Permit.

Refer to Policy 251.01 for Recreational Burn Permit processing directions.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Burn Permits **are required** for temporary fire pits, bonfires, etc.

Burn permits are **not required** for:

(1) Barbecues in manufactured or built appliances, etc.
(2) Portable and non-portable fire pits and fireplaces.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Burn Permits **are required** for bonfires, open burning, barbecue pits, and other recreational fires that are not within an approved container.

FIRES WITHIN PUBLIC PARKS

Fires held in designated areas of public parks are subject to the discretion of the Authority Having Jurisdiction and the respective Law Enforcement Officers of those entities. Please contact the agency with responsibility for the park to ascertain any requirements and restrictions to burning.

FOR REFERENCE

(A) Air quality violations are referred to Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District at (916) 874-4800.

(B) Persons engaged in agribusiness must contact the Sacramento County Agricultural Department at (916) 875-6603 for an Agricultural Burn Permit. Metro Fire does not issue agricultural burn permits.

(C) California Fire Code, Section 307 regulates "Open Burning and Recreational Fire." The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District does not permit "Open Burning." Section 307 prohibits burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

(D) SMAQMD Rule 421, *Mandatory Episodic Curtailment of Wood and Other Solid Fuel Burning*, prohibits the use of wood burning devices (e.g. wood stoves) and recreational fires on no-burn days from November 1-February 28/29.

(E) SMAQMD Rule 407, *Open Burning,* prohibits open burning north of Calvine Road in Sacramento County and specifies materials that are prohibited from burning.

(F) SMAQMD Rule 402, *Nuisance,* prohibits the discharge of air contaminants that cause a nuisance or damage to a considerable number of people or a business.

(G) *Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Emissions of Toxic Air Contaminants from Outdoor Residential Waste Burners,* adopted by the Californian Air Resources Board, prohibits the use of burn barrels in California and specifies materials that are prohibited from burning.