

## **ADEQ Rules and Regulations For Open Burning**

Open Burning Permits shall be issued by the Summit Fire Department, as an agent for the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ in Flagstaff 928-779-0313), and are subject to the following conditions:

1. What types of materials are you allowed to burn?
  - a. You are permitted to burn only the following materials?

Weeds, paper and branches

- b. Types of materials you are NOT allowed to burn with this open burning permit:

**ALL PLASTIC MATERIALS SUCH AS:**

Bottles for household chemicals, grocery and retail bags

**WASTE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS:**

Waste crankcase oil, transmission oil, used oil, oil filters

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAINERS THAT CONTAIN AEROSOL**

**SPRAY CANS:**

Pesticides, lead compounds, cadmium compounds, mercury compounds  
Arsenic compounds

**TAR PAPER  
POISON OAK**

**ASBESTOS**

**POISON IVY**

**POISON SUMAC**

**OLEANDERS**

**AEROSOL SPRAY CANS**

**FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS**

**ANTIFREEZE**

**EXPLOSIVES OR AMMUNITION**

**ASPHALT SHINGLES**

**POLYESTER**

**THERMAL INSULATION**

**TIRES**

**ELECTRICAL WIRE INSULATION**

**BATTERIES**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS:**

**PAINTS**

**PESTICIDES**

**CLEANERS**

**STAINS**

**VARNISHES**

2. When does your permit expire?

Your permit is valid as long as you occupy the property.

3. When can you burn?

- a. You are allowed to burn between the following hours:

**April through September:**

Start no earlier than 9:00 am and have the fire out by 4:00 pm.

**October and March:**

Start no earlier than 9:00 am and have the fire out by 3:00 pm.

**November through February:**

Start no earlier than 10:00 am and have the fire out by 2:00 pm.

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### b. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BURN AT NIGHT.

#### 4. How can you burn?

☞ Your material to be burned shall be dry, readily combustible, and placed in the following arrangement(s) in such quantities that it will be completely consumed within the permitted hours.

- I. Piled
- II. Collected in a pit
- III. Placed in an approved waste burner

☞ An approved waste burner is defined as an incinerator constructed of fire resistant material, with a cover or screen which is closed when in use and openings in the tops or sides no greater than 1/2 inch in diameter or heavy wire mesh spacing. A 55-gallon drum with the above modification is acceptable.

Your piled or pit-contained material must have a minimum clearance of 50 feet from any structure.

Material contained in an approved waste burner shall be located not less than 15 feet from any structure.

A buffer zone or other adequate provision to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure shall be prepared.

You may start your burn using items such as matches, flares, or hand held torches fueled by liquid petroleum gas such as propane or butane. You may not start your fires using tires, tar-paper, oil or liquid petroleum products such as gasoline or diesel. You may not use any ignition device, which causes the production of black smoke.

#### 5. Do you have any additional responsibilities?

- a. You must notify the Summit Fire Department prior to each open burning.
- b. The Fire Chief may prohibit open burning when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
- c. You may not open burn when any air stagnation advisory is in effect in the area of the burn or during periods when smoke can be expected to accumulate to the extent that it will significantly impair visibility. Such visibility impairment can be anticipated during periods of heavy regional haze and/or calm winds.
- d. Open burning shall be conducted only during wind conditions which prevent dispersion of smoke into populated areas, do not cause a visibility impairment on traveled roads or airports to the extent that a safety hazard results, do not create a public nuisance, and do not cause uncontrollable spread of fire.
- e. You may be required to extinguish or abstain from open burning during periods of inadequate smoke dispersion, excessive visibility impairment or at other times when public health or safety could be adversely affected.

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- f. **You must be present at all times** when open burning. Do not set a fire and leave. You may be responsible for any damage caused by a fire started by your open burning. You may be subject to civil or criminal penalties from damages caused by fires started by your open burning. **You must have available any necessary equipment** to control the burn and put out the fire if the need arises:
  - i. A water supply
  - ii. A water hose
  - iii. A shovel
  - iv. Sand, etc.You must completely extinguish the fire prior to leaving it unattended.
- g. You must have a copy of this permit on site during open burning to show that you have authorization to conduct open burning.
- h. This permit shall not be construed to relieve you from liability from resulting damages or the obligation to comply with other applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances.