

City of Atascadero

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

BURN REGULATIONS

The Fire Department encourages you to use green waste recycling.

Failure to follow these requirements or the lawful orders of the Fire Chief, or a delegate thereof, is a violation of the City of Atascadero Municipal Code, and the violator is subject to penalty under that code.

1. Burning may take place on permissive burn days only.
2. **Apply for a burn permit at www.beforeyouburn.com and confirm burn day status the day of your permit by calling (805)461-5070 option 8.**
3. No burning will be allowed if measurable rain has fallen within the previous five (5) days.
4. Burning may take place only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with fires extinguished by 4:00 p.m. with no smoke present.
5. Burning shall be limited to natural wastes from shrubbery and trees grown on property occupied by one- or two-family dwellings. Commercial / Industrial, vacant lots, and multi-family occupancies shall not conduct controlled burning operations without a permit.
6. Burning of leaves is not allowed at any time. Material to be burned shall be free of household rubbish, lumber, rubber, plastics, tar, paint, creosote, hydrocarbons, or any man-made substance.
7. Material shall be dry and reasonably free of surface moisture. A minimum of three (3) weeks from the time of cutting will be required for drying.
8. Piles of shrubbery and tree prunings shall be no larger than four (4) feet high and six (6) feet in diameter. A maximum of five (5) piles may be burned at one time.
9. Accelerants (e.g., flammable liquids) shall not be used to start fires in burn piles.
10. Burn piles shall be tended by a responsible adult at all times, and a functioning water hose capable of extinguishing the fire shall be available at all times.
11. Burn piles shall be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the property line of neighboring residences and a minimum of thirty (30) feet from any structure, including wooden fences, on the same property.
12. At least fifteen (15) feet of clearance to mineral soil shall be provided between burn piles and any vegetation or other combustible material, including but not limited to: grass, weeds, trees, shrubs, and wood piles.
13. These rules apply within the City of Atascadero and will be in effect until further notice, and may be canceled or revised at any time due to hazardous weather conditions, such as wind.
14. Open burning will be immediately discontinued if the Chief, or authorized representative, determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or if the open burning constitutes a hazardous condition.