



# CLOVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Standard #5.3

### Open Burning

#### Agricultural Burn Permits

The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (Valley Air District) is the designated agency for the purpose of issuing burn permits. Please contact the Valley Air District at (559) **230-6000** during regular business hours, or (559) **227-7143** between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. seven days a week or check on the website at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) for questions regarding burning guidelines or burn permits.

Within the City of Clovis, those with a valid burn permit shall always contact the Clovis Communication Center (559) 324-2228 prior to burning to advise of the location and type of material to be burned.

1. **Clearance** - Open burning shall not be conducted within fifty feet (50') of any structure or other combustible material.
2. **Fire Extinguishing Equipment** - A Garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available.
3. **Attendance**-Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment.

#### Cooking Fires

Cooking fires used for preparing food for human consumption **do not** require a permit from the Valley Air District. However, cooking fires such as a pit barbecue or larger cooking fires may tend to cause a great deal of smoke and nuisance potential. The burning must be conducted while conforming to the following conditions:

1. Fuel for the fire must be clean, dry charcoal and/or wood without coatings or preservatives. Burning other debris, including trash, demolition material, refuse, or garbage is prohibited.
2. When any of the conditions defining a cooking fire end, no more fuel may be added to the fire and the fire shall be extinguished.
3. The fire must be in constant attendance, located an adequate distance away from a structure or combustible material and have adequate means available to extinguish the fire.

#### Fireplace Fires

Fireplace fires, whether inside or outside, must be discontinued when air quality is expected to be unhealthy, or the Air Quality Index exceeds 150. Contact the Valley Air District for more information at 1-800-SMOG INFO (1-800-766-4463) or visit [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).

## **Recreational Fires**

Recreational-type fires are an exception to the open burning prohibition when they comply with the following conditions:

1. It must be a "burn day" as determined by the Valley Air District. This can be verified at 1-800-SMOG INFO (1-800-766-4463) or [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org). Burning is only allowed from November 1 through the last day of February on "Burn Days" only. March 1 through October 31, no burning is allowed.
2. Fuel is clean, dry wood with no debris, trash, garbage, or refuse. Hardwoods are preferred because they burn cleaner and longer.
3. The size of the fire is limited to a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
4. Use is restricted to residential settings.
5. The fire must be in constant attendance, located an adequate distance away from a structure or combustible material and have adequate means available to extinguish the fire.

## **Prohibited Fires**

Open burning shall be prohibited in any incinerator, can, barrel, pit, outdoor fireplace or similar container or enclosure. All other open burning shall be in compliance with Clovis Fire Department Standard 5.3. or a permit for agricultural burning shall be obtained from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District.

## **Discontinuance**

The fire department is authorized to require any fire to be immediately extinguished if it is determined that it constitutes a hazardous condition or if it is a prohibited fire.

Contact the Clovis Fire Department at 324-2200 for more information.

(2022 California Fire Code sections 307.1.1 through 307.5.)