

Placer County Air Pollution Control

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Can I use a Burn Barrel/Container?

On January 1, 2004 the California Air Resources Board's Toxic Control Measuring— became effective. This measure prohibits the use of a burn barrel and the burning of cardboard and paper for disposal, however non-glossy paper can still be used to start a fire. The community of Iowa Hill was granted an exemption in Placer County and can continue to use their burn barrels and burn clean, dry, non-glossy paper as there is no garbage service at this time.



Illegal Burn Materials

- Paper and cardboard (see the California Air Resources Board)
- Lawn clippings
- Dirt
- Furniture
- Construction/demolition debris
- Metal and cans
- Lumber
- Tar paper
- Garbage or rubbish
- Asphalt shingles
- Plastics and glass
- Rubber

These are some of the materials which are illegal to burn. Smoke from burning them can contain harmful chemicals, which may cause illness.

Should you require further information please contact the Rocklin Fire Department.

City of Rocklin Fire Department Community Risk Reduction

California Fire Code: Open Burning



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California Fire Code and Placer County Air Quality Control Information

There is no burning within the City of Rocklin.

The California Fire Code provides the following guidelines:

Chapter 2 of the Fire Code provides the definition of all regulated terms: below are the terms as defined by the code:

Open Burning:

The burning of material wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

Recreational Fire:

An outdoor fire burning material other rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

Portable Out Door Fireplace:

A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

Chapter 3 of Fire Code provides for the regulation of various burning activities.

Section 307

307.1 General: A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with sections 307.1 through 307.5.

307.1.1 Prohibited open burning: Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. (See Placer County Air Pollution District or visit their website for Air Quality provisions on burning)

307.4.1: Bonfires: A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15240mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbeque pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15240mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces: Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) if a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings.

307.5 Attendance: Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 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.

