



Santa Fe County Fire Dept.

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Burn Permit Information

Understanding the Rules and Requirements for Open Burning Within Santa Fe County

The information provided in this pamphlet is intended to provide information on the rules and requirements for Open Burning Permits in the unincorporated areas of Santa Fe County.

Prior to any open burning, the first step is to apply for an Open Burn Permit . Applications are obtained online at no cost . To apply for an open burning permit, please visit:

santafecountynm.gov/fire/burn-permit

Open Burning for Agricultural and Vegetation is allowed seven days a week from 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Weather Permitting). Open Burning for Recreational and Ceremonial is allowed seven days a week with no time limits. You must call Dispatch at (505) 428-3710 before each burn to verify there are no restrictions and provide your burn permit number.

Open Burning Permit Exemption

An outdoor fire, burning materials other than trash or rubbish, where the solid fuel being burned is contained in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, or outdoor fire pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes, with a spark arrester and screen, shall not require an open burning permit.

Madrid Residents Only - Please contact the Madrid District Fire Chief at 505-424-8006 prior to applying for an open burning permit.

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Terms and Conditions For Open Burning

- Open burning of rubbish or garbage containing paper or household waste products is prohibited.
- Prior to each and every open burning, please notify the Santa Fe County Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) 505-428-3710 or 800-742-1144.
- A garden hose connected to a water supply, 4-A rated fire extinguisher, shovel, or other approved fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available at the burning site.
- Burning material/s shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment, familiar with the Terms and Conditions for Open Burning, and shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately if the fire becomes out of control.
- Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- No open burning shall be permitted on **red flag** days. Upon contacting the RECC, you will be instructed on burn restrictions.
- Open burning shall **only** be performed when times, wind speed not greater than 10 miles per hour, and burn restrictions comply with the limits set forth in the open burning permit.
- The Fire Department and/or Law Enforcement is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or it constitutes a hazardous condition.

Exceptions

Should the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners enact a burn ban during the term of an open burning permit, the open burning permit is 'VOID' until open burning restrictions are rescinded.

The Santa Fe County Fire Marshal's Office may implement a Fire Marshal Order prohibiting open burning in the unincorporated areas of Santa Fe County when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

It is within the authority of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal's Office to bring criminal action against any property owner who is out of compliance with the terms and conditions of an open burning permit.



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