



ALHAMBRA FIRE DEPARTMENT
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REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN BURNING

The following information is provided for your use, in regard to open burning or religious burning: Prior to commencement of any open burning, a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Department. However, the usual permit fee is waived for religious burning. A sketch or drawing showing the name of the person-in-charge, address, telephone number, date and time of burning, site of burning and type of material to be burned, shall be submitted to the Fire Department before a permit can be obtained.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: (Fire Code, Section 1102.3)

Open burning shall only be performed when time and atmospheric conditions comply with the limits set forth in the open-burning permit.

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.

EXCEPTION: Clearance from structures and other combustible material is allowed to be reduced as follows:

1. Not less than 15 feet when burning is conducted in an approved appliance.
2. Not less than 25 feet when the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at burning sites.

Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment mentioned above, and one who is familiar with the permit limitations, which restrict open burning. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

The fire chief or his designated representative is authorized to discontinue a burning at any time, if he or she determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or if the burning is determined by the chief or his designated representative to constitute a hazardous condition.