

TFD USE ONLY—Signature by TFD Representative in this section signifies acceptance of the application and issuance of a valid open burning permit. Applicant is hereby granted permission to conduct open burning based on information given below and in accordance with Pima County Code Title 17.

Effective Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Residential Const/Agric Permit Number:
Authorized TFD Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____



CITY OF TUCSON FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
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OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION



(Please type or print legibly)

Applicant Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Contact Number: _____

• Physical Location of Burn:

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

• Description of Burn Location: Residential Commercial Other _____

• Type(s) of Material to be Burned: _____

• Quantity of Material to be Burned: (i.e. acres, pile, etc.) _____

• Material to be Burned Shall be: Piled Collected in a Pit Ignited in place (field burning)
 Placed in an approved waste burner Ditch burning

• Anticipated Duration of Burn in Days: _____ Hours per Day: _____

• Purpose of Burning: _____

• What types of actions will be taken to minimize fire emissions including any Emission Reduction Techniques (ERTs)? ERTs include, but are not limited to:

- Minimize the material to be burned;
- Allow the material to dry before burning;
- Minimize soil content in slash piles by constructing piles under dry soil conditions or by using hand piling methods;
- Burn in piles;
- Operate an air curtain destructor pursuant to manufacturer specifications, which meets applicable opacity requirements;
- Extinguish smoldering burns;
- Other (Provide a description of the techniques to be used to minimize emissions from your open burning activities):

Any person permitted to conduct an open outdoor fire in the City of Tucson shall adhere to the following requirements:

- Permit application must be made no less than five (5) business days prior to the first date of the burn.
- Burns shall be ignited no earlier than one hour after sunrise and extinguished no later than two hours before sunset.
- The permittee must conduct all open burning only during atmospheric conditions that:
 - Prevent dispersion of smoke into populated areas;
 - Prevent visibility impairment on traveled roads or at airports that result in a safety hazard;
 - Do not create a public nuisance or adversely affect public safety;
 - Do not cause an adverse impact to visibility in a Class I area; and
 - Do not cause uncontrollable spreading of the fire.
- The permittee must submit the following information in a format provided by TFD for each date open burning occurred, on either a daily basis on the day of the fire, or an annual basis in a report to TFD due on February 1 for the previous calendar year:
 - The date of the burn.
 - The type and quantity of the fuel burned for each date open burning occurred;
 - The fire type, such as pile or pit, for each date open burning occurred; and
 - For each date open burning occurred, the legal location, to the nearest section, or latitude and longitude, to the nearest degree minute, or street address for residential burns.
- The permittee must notify the Tucson Fire Department prior to burning by calling 791-4502, Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm (except on holidays).
- The permittee must start each open outdoor fire using items that do not cause the production of black smoke.
- The permittee must attend the fire at all times until it is completely extinguished.
- The permittee must provide fire-extinguishing equipment on-site for the duration of the burn. The following fire control equipment will be available on-site during open burning:

- The permittee must ensure that a burning pit, burning pile or approved waste burner be at least 50 feet from any structure. The nearest distance to any residential building or commercial establishment from the burn is: __ (specify feet or miles). Exceptions: Fires in pre-approved containers may be 15 feet or more from a structure, and fires where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height may be 25 or more from a structure.
- The permittee must have a copy of the burn permit on-site during the open burning.
- Bonfires are not allowed.

- The permittee must not conduct open burning when an air stagnation advisory is in effect in the area of the burn or when any stage air pollution episode is declared by ADEQ or PDEQ.
- The control officer, or any other public officer, may order that the burn be extinguished or prohibit burning during periods of inadequate smoke dispersion, excessive visibility impairment, or extreme fire danger.
- Pursuant to A.R.S. 13.1706, Burning of wildlands; exceptions; classification, it is unlawful for any person, without lawful authority, to intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence to set or cause to be set on fire any wildland other than the person's own or to permit a fire that was set or caused to be set by the person to pass from the person's own grounds to the grounds of another person. This section does not apply to any of the following:
 - Open burning that is lawfully conducted in the course of agricultural operations.
 - Fire management operations that are conducted by a political subdivision.
 - Prescribed or controlled burns that are conducted with written authority from the state forester.
 - Lawful activities that are conducted pursuant to any rule, regulation or policy that is adopted by a state, tribal or federal agency. In absence of a fire ban or other burn restrictions to a person on public lands, setting a fire for purposes of cooking or warming that does not spread sufficiently from its source to require action by a fire control agency.
- A person who violates A.R.S. 13.1706 is guilty of an offense as follows:
 - If done with criminal negligence, the offense is a class 2 misdemeanor;
 - If done recklessly, the offense is a class I misdemeanor;
 - If done intentionally or knowingly and the person knows or reasonably should know that the person's conduct violates any order or rule that is issued by a governmental entity and that prohibits, bans, restricts or otherwise regulates fires during periods of extreme fire hazard, the offense is a class 6 felony.
 - If done intentionally and the person's conduct places another person in danger of death or serious bodily injury or places any building or occupied structure of another person in danger of damage, the offense is a class 3 felony.

I certify that I have knowledge of the facts herein set forth, that the same are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further state that I will assume responsibility for conducting open burning in accordance with the Pima County Code, Title 17, and any open burning permit issued thereof.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typed or printed name of signer: _____