

Burn Permit FAQ's



Why do I need a burn permit?

In most cases when burning materials in the open, an open burning permit from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is required by law (please refer to *Arizona Revised Statutes § 49-501* and *Arizona Administrative Code R18-2-602*). These laws are intended to help protect the public from smoke impacts.

How long is a burn permit good for?

The permit is good for one year from the date of issuance.

How much does a burn permit cost?

ADEQ does not charge a fee for issuing open burn permits.

How long does it take before I receive my burn permit?

Complete open burn permit applications will be processed and mailed within 7 business days of receipt. Incomplete applications will result in a deficiency letter being sent within 7 business days of receipt.

Note: SUBMITTAL OF A COMPLETE OPEN BURN PERMIT APPLICATION IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE PERMIT ISSUING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THE PERMIT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Can I use a burn barrel for burning?

No, only approved waste burners are allowed. An approved waste burner means an incinerator constructed of fire resistant material with a cover or screen that is closed when in use, and has opening in the sides or top no greater than one inch in diameter.

Can I burn trash?

No, household trash is generally to be disposed of through waste collection or disposal service in your area.

However, as per Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) R18-2-602.F.1 and 2, burning of household trash may be permitted in the following situations:

- If the household waste is generated on-site on a farm or ranch of 40 acres or more where no household waste collection or disposal service is available.
- If the household waste is generated on-site where no household waste collection and disposal service is available, and where the nearest other dwelling unit is at least 500 feet away.

In both these cases, an open burning permit must be obtained and the household waste must be burned in an approved waste burner. An approved waste burner means an incinerator constructed of fire resistant material with a cover or screen that is closed when in use, and has opening in the sides or top no greater than one inch in diameter.

Do I need the parcel number of my property?

Yes, if you do not have an address for the property. Please see item 2 of the open burn permit application.

How do I know where to send my application?

ADEQ has delegated its burn permit authority to many local fire departments and other local governments (please see *ADEQ Delegated Fire Departments List*). If your burn location does not fall under any of the delegated authorities, please apply to the appropriate address:

If the burning is to be conducted in **Apache, Coconino, Gila, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai Counties**, please mail/fax to:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Air Quality Division
1110 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Phone#: (602) 771-2338 • Fax #: (602) 771-4346
Toll Free#: 1-800-234-5677

If the burning is to be conducted in **Cochise, Greenlee, Graham, or Santa Cruz Counties**, please mail/fax to:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Southern Regional Office
400 W. Congress, Suite 433
Tucson, AZ 85701
Phone #: (520) 628-6733 • Fax #: (520) 628-6745
Toll Free#: 1-800-271-9302

For Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma Counties, please visit the respective county's website:

Maricopa County Air Quality Department
Phone: (602) 506-6010
http://www.maricopa.gov/aa/divisions/compliance/dust/open_burning/

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality
Phone: (520) 243-7400
<http://www.deq.co.pima.az.us/air/OpenBurning.htm>

Pinal County Air Quality Department
Phone: (520) 866-6929
<http://pinalcountyaz.gov/Departments/AirQuality/Pages/BurnPermits.aspx>

Yuma County Rural/Metro Fire Department
Phone: (928) 782-4757
<http://www.co.yuma.az.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=5218>

For additional information, please see the *ADEQ Open Burn Permit Brochure* and see the *ADEQ Guidelines for Open Burning*.