

What are some conditions of an open burning permit?

- ☑ Material shall be dry, readily combustible and placed in piles, collected in a pit or ignited in place such as ditch banks and/or fence rows.
- ☑ Piles or pit shall have a minimum clearance of 50 ft from any structure.
- ☑ You may burn at the pre-determined hours that are in detail on your burn permit.
- ☑ You are NOT allowed to burn at night. (except those fires that don't require a burn permit)
- ☑ Rural/Metro Fire Dept. must be notified before and at the completion of the burn.

Reporting Outdoor Burning Violations

To report burning violations or nuisance fires, call (928) 783-1805. The dispatch Center will log your complaint and refer it to the appropriate engine company for response. The fire department will visit the site and determine if a violation has occurred. If a violation has occurred, they will take the appropriate corrective actions.

For more information on burn permits please contact Rural/Metro Fire Prevention at (928) 782-4757 ext 121 or 122.

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Open burning is a method of burning vegetation and other types of waste in the outdoors. Rural/Metro Fire Department issues burn permits in Yuma County as a process to manage the Open Burn Program within the community.

Why is Open Burning Regulated?

Burning waste materials, including yard waste, construction debris and garbage- especially if items contain plastics, rubber, paints or other synthetic materials- can produce a lot of smoke and many toxic pollutants. Open burning permits are required by law to help reduce impacts from smoke.



Are there materials which cannot be burned?

The State's open burning guidelines prohibit materials such as:

All plastic materials such as:

- ▶ Bottles for household chemicals
- ▶ Grocery and retail bags

Waste Petroleum Products:

- ▶ Waste crankcase oil
- ▶ Transmission oil
- ▶ Used oil
- ▶ Oil filters

Hazardous Material Containers that Contain:

- ▶ Pesticides
- ▶ Lead compounds
- ▶ Cadmium compounds
- ▶ Mercury compounds
- ▶ Arsenic compounds

Hazardous Waste Products:

- ▶ Paints
- ▶ Pesticides
- ▶ Cleaners
- ▶ Stains and varnishes

When is a Burn Permit Required?

A burn permit is required for all open burning except warming fires, cooking fires, fires for the branding of animals

How to Obtain a Burn Permit

To obtain a permit, complete and sign a brief application form. The application can be picked up at **Rural/Metro Station 1 at 2029 S Arizona Ave.** The applications may also be mailed or faxed (928) 783-8961. The process is quick and burn permits can be effective for up to 6 months for residential and 1 year for agricultural.

