

NSCAPCD Open Burn Classifications & Fee Schedules

Agricultural Burn Classifications

A1- Agricultural, General - Open burning used by an agricultural operation to dispose of cut dry brush and small amounts of crop waste resulting from incidental loss due to damage, disease or pests. Does not include the use of fire to clear land for new agricultural operations (See Prescribed Fires, PI), or block removal of crops for replacement. (See Crop Removal, A3) , or routine yearly disposal of pruning waste (See Pruning Waste, A2).

A2- Agricultural, Pruning Waste - Open burning used by an agricultural operation to routinely dispose of annual pruning or stubble waste, cut brush, and small amounts of crop waste resulting from incidental loss due to damage, disease or pests. Does not include the use of fire to clear land for new agricultural operations (See Prescribed Fires, PI), or for block removal of crops for replacement. (See Crop Removal, A3).

A3- Agricultural, Crop Removal - Open burning used by an agricultural operation only to dispose of crop removal waste resulting from loss due to damage, disease or pest control, crop replacement or change of crop type.

Agricultural Fees		
Use Type	Basic Fee	Acreage Fee
A1	\$30.00	None
A2	\$30.00	\$1.00/Acre*
A3	\$30.00	\$2.00/Acre**

*A2 acreage fees are to be calculated using only the actual acres of crop that will be pruned.

**A3 acreage fees are to be calculated based on actual acres of crop to be removed.

Non-Agricultural Burn Classifications

N1- Residential - Open burning used to dispose of dried paper, brush & vegetative waste cut, generated on the residential property. Does not include logging slash. (See Prescribed Fires, PO or P2). N1 burning is covered under an A1 or A2 permit but is still subject to seasonal suspension.

N2- Property Development - Open burning used to dispose of brush & vegetative waste cut, dried and burned on the property on which it grew for purposes of establishing residential or commercial development. Does not include logging slash. (See Prescribed Fires PO or P2)

N3- Public Entity - Open burning used by a public entity to dispose of brush & vegetative waste in the clearing of right of ways or for ditch, levee or reservoir maintenance.

Non-Agricultural Fees		
Use Type	Basic Fee	Acreage Fee
N1	\$20.00	None
N2	\$50.00	\$2.00/Acre*
N3	\$50.00	None

*Acreage calculated on actual acres of land cleared.

Prescribed Fire Classifications

A Supplemental Application for Prescribed Fires is required for any prescribed burn over 3 acres in size. Prescribed fires are assigned a Smoke Management Plan (SMEP) Class, 1,2, or 3. This smoke management plan rating is determined by the location of the burn, the amount of material and the potential for smoke impacts. A Class 3 prescribed fire is given the highest level of smoke management attention.

PO - SMP Exempt Prescribed Fires - Open burning used for the purpose of range, forestry, wildlife habitat management that is less than 3 acres. Does not require a Supplemental Application but is still a Prescribed Fire type.

P1 - Range Management - Open burning on more than 3 acres of land used for the purposes of maintaining pasturage or, for the establishment of an agricultural practice on previously uncultivated land.

P2 - Forest Management - Open burning on more than 3 acres of land used for the purposes of silvicultural practices including the disposal of logging waste material following harvest.

P3 - Wildlife Habitat Management Open burning on more than 3 acres used to improve wildlife habitat. Requires Dept of Fish & Game approval.

P4 - Wildland Vegetative Management Open burning conducted by a public agency on more than 3 acres, used for but not limited to fire hazard reduction, wildlife habitat improvement & watershed improvement.

Prescribed Fire Fees Use		
Type	Basic Fee	SMP Class*
P0 (Exempt)	\$30.00	None
P1 Range	\$30.00	1, 2 or 3
P2 Forestry	\$30.00	1, 2 or 3
P3 Wildlife	\$30.00	1, 2 or 3
P4 Wildland	\$30.00	1, 2 or 3

SMP Class Fees*		
Class	Class Fee	Coordination Fee
Class 1	\$50.00	None
Class 2	\$100.00	None
Class 3	\$250.00	\$100.00

*Only include the basic fee at this time. SMP Class fees will be invoiced when the completed Supplemental Application has been reviewed. Coordination fees may be assessed to a maximum of \$100.00 per day.