



EASTERN KERN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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BONFIRE GUIDELINES

1. Only schools, civic, non-profit and religious organizations shall be allowed to establish and maintain a bonfire in accordance with these guidelines.
2. Bonfires must be approved by both the EKAPCD and the local fire department. Any group wishing to establish and maintain a bonfire shall contact the local fire department and the EKAPCD no less than one week prior to the event. Bonfire sites shall be inspected and approved by the local fire department and the EKAPCD.
3. No bonfire shall be kindled or maintained any closer than 50 feet to any structure, wooded area, or any other area that may be deemed as a hazard as determined by the EKAPCD inspector or fire department official.
4. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood, and shall be ignited with kindling and paper. No liquid accelerants may be used. The fire shall not be used for waste disposal purposes, and the wood shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.
5. A competent adult shall constantly attend the bonfire until such bonfire is fully extinguished.
6. There shall be a readily available water hose attached to an adequate water supply and the hose shall be capable of extending to all sides of the bonfire.
7. The EKAPCD inspector or fire department official may prohibit open burning which will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The official may prohibit or require any bonfire to be extinguished when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such a fire hazardous or a nuisance, as determined by the official.
8. The person in charge of the bonfire shall contact the local fire department at least 48 hours prior to the fire to advise of their intent proceed with the bonfire. Upon completion and extinguishment of the bonfire, the person in charge shall contact the local fire department and advise that the fire has been extinguished.
9. The bonfire must be free of household, municipal, and industrial waste; tire; plastic; and wet wood.

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