



WINDSOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTROLLED-BURN GUIDELINES



In the interest of public safety, Windsor Fire Protection District (WFPD) provides the following controlled-burn information/guidelines :

1. Burn only on permissive burn days, *when weather conditions make it safe to do so.*
 - To determine if it's a permissible burn day, call **800 792-0787** for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District or **(707) 565-2876** for Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District
 - Notify Sonoma Fire Dispatch prior to burning at **(707) 565-1700**
 - Notify Windsor Fire Protection District prior to burning at **(707) 838-1170**

NOTE: *The information provided at either of the above numbers is based solely on air quality and does not take into consideration any safety factors.* Therefore, it may be a permissible burn day but not a *safe* burn day.

2. Do not burn if the any of the following conditions exist (this information is available at www.townofwindsor.com; click on Windsor Weather):
 - Winds in excess of 10 mph
 - Heat above 90°
 - Relative humidity below 25%
3. No burning is allowed before 10:00 am, and all fires must be completely extinguished by sunset each day: stumps and/or tree trunks, etc., may not be left to smolder overnight.
4. Burn only acceptable materials
 - Check with appropriate air quality/pollution control district to determine its restrictions
 - The burning of treated/painted wood, household garbage, plastic materials, shop waste, wood waste, demolition debris, oil filters, tires, tar paper is **strictly prohibited**.
 - Materials must be dry and arranged to promote rapid combustion.
5. Windsor Fire General Safety Requirements
 - Fires must be under the control of at least one adult at all times until the fire is dead out.
 - Heap and/or pile fires require attending adult have shovel in hand until fire is dead out.
 - Have shovels and other tools nearby.
 - Have at least 5 gallons of water at the burn site; a hose connected to a water supply is preferable.
 - Keep fires small and manageable—maximum allowed pile size is 4 feet in diameter.
 - Keep fire a minimum of 30 feet from combustibles, property lines, structures, overhead wires, vehicles, etc.
 - ***If the burn escapes your control, call 9-1-1 immediately.***
6. Failing to follow guidelines and/or an escaped controlled burn may result in your having to pay one or more of the following:
 - A fine
 - Costs incurred by all agencies responding to the fire, including but not limited to:
 - dispatch fees
 - equipment and labor costs
 - damaged equipment repair/replacement
 - Cost of damage to anyone else's property

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