

WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
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OPEN BURNING PERMIT 2024

By the Whetstone Fire District subject to the following conditions:

1. Types of material you are allowed/not allowed to burn.

- a. You are permitted to burn only the following material: [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.a]

Brush, Tree Trimmings, Grass

- b. Types of material you are not to burn with this Open Burning Permit; [A.A.C.R18-2-602.A.13]

ALL PLASTIC MATERIALS SUCH AS: -bottles for household chemical -grocery and retail bags	POISON OAK ASBESTOS	POLYESTER THERMAL INSULATION
WASTE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS: -waste crankcase oil -transmission oil -used oil -oil filters	POISON IVY POISON SUMAC OLEANDER	TIRES ELECTRICAL WIRE INSULATION BATTERIES
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAINERS THAT CONTAINED: -pesticides -lead compounds -cadmium compounds -mercury compounds -arsenic compounds TAR PAPER	AEROSOL SPRAY CANS FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS ANTIFREEZE EXPLOSIVES OR AMMUNITION	HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS -paints -pesticides -cleaners -stains and varnishes ASPHALT SHINGLES

2. When does your Burn Permit expire? January 1, 2025

3. When can you Burn? 8am-5pm, depending on weather conditions
 [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.c]

You are only allowed to burn during the following periods:

- a. Start igniting no earlier than 0800 hrs and
- b. Fire must be extinguished by 1700 hrs.

4. The types of Emission Reduction Techniques (ERTs) you will be utilizing to minimize emissions from the fire? [A.A.C.R18-2-602.A.8]

- b. Prevent fire from spreading by lining the area where open burn is conducted and application of fire retardant foam, or water;

- c. Allow the material to dry before burning;
- d. Minimize soil content in slash piles and by constructing piles under dry soil conditions or by using hand piling methods;
- e. **Burn in piles;**
- f. Use a back fire (burn in the opposite direction of wind) when grass is burned;
- g. Use an air curtain destructor operated pursuant to manufacturer specifications and meeting applicable state or local opacity requirements;
- h. **Extinguish the smoldering burns;**
- i. Burn before litter falls;
- j. Burn prior to precipitation.

5. How can you burn?

- a. Your material to be burned shall be dry, readily combustible, and placed in the following Arrangement (s) in such quantities that it will be completely consumed within the permitted burn hours (Please refer to condition 3 above):
 - i. Piled
 - ii. Collected in a fire pit
 - iii. Ignite in place (field burning, ditch banks, fence rows, and canal laterals)
 - iv. Burned in a pit using an air curtain destructor
- b. Your piled, pit-contained material or ignited in place burn must have a minimum clearance of 50 feet from any structure. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.k]
- c. You may start your burn using items such as matches, flares, or hand-held torches fueled by liquefied petroleum gas such as propane or butane. [A.A.C.R18-2-306.A.2]
- d. You may not start your fire using items that cause black smoke. Items known to cause black smoke include but are not limited to tires, tar paper, oil and liquefied petroleum products such as gasoline or diesel. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.h]

6. Do you have to report your Open Burning activities? [A.A.C.R18-2-304.H & -602.D.3.f]

You must fill out the "Certification of Truth, Accuracy, and Completeness" on Page 5 and "Reporting Form" on Page 6 of this Permit and return it to the Whetstone Fire District by Jan 1, 2025 for all burns conducted under this permit. You must include the requested information in regard to all the open burning that you have conducted during Calendar Year 2023

7. Do you have any additional responsibilities?

- a. You must notify the local fire fighting agency or private fire protection service provider, if the service provider is a delegated authority, prior to each open burning. Such agency may require you to obtain a permit from them before being allowed to burn and may prohibit open burning during periods of smoke dispersion, excessive visibility impairment, or during periods of extreme fire danger. In the case that there is no firefighting agency for the area where the burn will be conducted, you shall contact the State Forester. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.g]
- b. You may not open burn when any air stagnation advisory, as issued by the National Weather Service, is in effect in the area of the burn or during periods when smoke can be expected to accumulate to the extent that it will significantly impair visibility in Class I areas. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.m]
- c. You may not open burn when any stage air pollution episode is declared under R18-2-220, Air Pollution Emergency Episodes. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.n]
- d. Open burning shall be conducted only during wind conditions which prevent dispersion of smoke into populated areas, do not cause visibility impairment on traveled roads or airports to the extent that a safety hazard results, do not create a public nuisance, and do not cause uncontrollable spreading of the fire. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.d]
- e. You may be required by the Director or the Director's assignee to extinguish or abstain from open burning during periods of inadequate smoke dispersion, excessive visibility impairment or at other times when public health or safety could be adversely affected. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.o]
- f. **Do not set fire and leave. You must be present at all times when conducting open burning until the fire is completely extinguished.** You may be responsible for any damages caused by a fire started by your open burning. You may be subject to civil penalties from damages caused by fires started by your open burning. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.i]
- g. You must have available any necessary equipment (i.e. water supply, water hose, shovel, sand, etc.) to control the burn and to put out the fire if the need arises. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.j]
- h. You must have a copy of this permit on-site during open burning, to show that you have authorization to conduct open burning. [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.l]
- i. This permit shall not be construed to relieve you from liability from resulting damages or the obligation to comply with other applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances. You are responsible to comply with federal, state, county and/or local fire restrictions in place for the area where the burn will be conducted.
- j. You must also comply with requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §13.1706, as listed below: [A.A.C.R18-2-602.D.3.p]

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 13, §13.1706. Burning of wild lands; exceptions; classification

- A. It is unlawful for any person, without lawful authority, to intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence to set or cause to be set on fire any wild land other than the person's own or to permit a fire that was set or caused to be set by the person to pass from the person's own grounds to the grounds of another person.



B. This section does not apply to any of the following:

1. Open burning that is lawfully conducted in the course of agricultural operations.
2. Fire management operations that are conducted by a political subdivision.
3. Prescribed or controlled burns that are conducted with written authority from the state forester.
4. Lawful activities that are conducted pursuant to any rule, regulation or policy that is adopted by a state, tribal or federal agency.
5. In absence of a fire ban or other burn restrictions to a person on public lands, setting a fire for purposes of cooking or warming that does not spread sufficiently from its source to require action by a fire control agency.

C. A person who violates this section is guilty of an offense as follows:

1. If done with criminal negligence, the offense is a class 2 misdemeanor;
2. If done recklessly, the offense is a class I misdemeanor;
3. If done intentionally or knowingly and the person knows or reasonably should know that the person's conduct violates any order or rule that is issued by a governmental entity and that prohibits, bans, restricts or otherwise regulates fires during periods of extreme fire hazard, the offense is a class 6 felony.
4. If done intentionally and the person's conduct places another person in danger of death or serious bodily injury or places any building or occupied structure of another person in danger of damage, the offense is a class 3 felony.

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CERTIFICATION OF TRUTH, ACCURACY, AND COMPLETENESS

I certify that I have knowledge of the facts herein set forth, and in this report that the same are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that all information not identified by me as confidential shall be treated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality as a public record.

Name (Print/Type): _____

(Signature): _____ Date: _____

Certification of Truth, Accuracy, and Completeness
Arizona Administrative Code R18-2-304.H

R18-2-304.H. Certification of Truth, Accuracy, and Completeness. Any application form, report, or compliance certification submitted pursuant to this Chapter shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy, and completeness. This certification and any other certification required under this Article shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statement and information in the document are true, accurate, and complete.

By my signature I, _____ hereby certify that based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in this document are true, accurate, and complete.

Name (Print/Type): _____

(Signature): _____ Date: _____

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