



CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

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BON FIRES

2022 California Fire Code (CFC) Section 307

- Bonfires require a Fire Permit. (Section 105.5)
- Before and after burning (totally extinguishing fire), contact Police/Fire dispatch at (951) 354-2007 and let them know you are going to have a bonfire.
- Bonfires shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure, property line or combustible material away from overhead obstructions/wires. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition. CFC, Section 307.4.1
- Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a water type fire extinguisher (min. 4-A rating) shall be readily available for use at bon fires. CFC, Section 307.5
- Open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality. CFC, Section 307.2.1
- A person knowledgeable in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment shall constantly attend bonfires. An attendant shall supervise a bon fire until such fire has been extinguished. CFC, Section 307.5

How can I find out if there is a mandatory wood-burning curtailment in my neighborhood?

- Using SCAQMD's interactive residential no-burn alert map by entering an address or ZIP code in the search area
- Signing up for SCAQMD Air Alerts sent via email
- Calling 866-966-3293 for Check Before You Burn Information

The Fire Department is authorized to require that bon fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous or objectionable condition.

These requirements are in accordance with the CFC Section 307