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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR OPEN BURNING OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE AND TUMBLEWEEDS

SCAQMD Rule 444-Open Burning was amended November 7, 2008. The following information is intended to highlight specific aspects of the rule and serve as a guide for the allowance of agricultural and tumbleweed open burning. For details on specific requirements and limitations, please refer to Rule 444, attached.

WHAT MUST I DO PRIOR TO AGRICULTURAL OR TUMBLEWEED OPEN BURNING?

- Obtain approval for projects greater than 10 acres or that will produce more than one ton of particulate matter emissions by submitting a Burn Management Plan.
- Obtain written permit from South Coast Air Quality Management District **or** your local Fire Protection Agency.
- Obtain approval from local Fire Protection Agency.
- Obtain Burn Authorization Number from South Coast Air Quality Management District by calling **(909) 396-3403 prior to 4:00 pm the day before the open burn.**

WHAT CAN I BURN?

- Waste materials produced entirely from Agricultural Operations. Refer to Rule 444, attached for complete list of allowable and non-allowable materials which may be burned.
- Only Tumbleweeds may be burned and no other material is allowed, unless required by Fire Agencies through written notice. Tumbleweed burns require an SCAQMD Burn Authorization Number and a physical inspection.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING?

- Agricultural Field Crops (residue left in the field after harvesting grain or vegetable crops) shall not be burned before 10:00 A.M. or after 5:00 P.M. **and**
- Open burning **other** than field crop burning shall not commence earlier than one hour after sunrise with no new ignition, or fuels to be added to an existing fire, later than two hours before sunset except as authorized with an approved smoke management plan.
- Only **dry** Agricultural Waste can be burned. See Rule 444 for burn schedule.
- All Agricultural Waste and Tumbleweeds shall be free of trash, dirt, soil and visible moisture.
- Agricultural Waste must be more than 1000 feet away from sensitive receptor locations.

WHEN CAN I CALL SCAQMD (909-396-3403) TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL OR TUMBLEWEED BURNING?

Monday:	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday - Friday:	7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday:	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

If Burning on Sunday or Monday, call before 4:00 PM on Saturday.