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Topic: Non-Agricultural Burning - Confiscated Marijuana Burning

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This policy and procedure provides guidance in the enforcement of APCD rules relating to open outdoor fires set for the specific purpose of disposing of confiscated marijuana. It is the policy of the APCD to allow the setting of open outdoor fires for this purposes as regulated under APCD Rule 312.E.

APPLICABILITY

Representatives of the County of Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, may burn, in the open, marijuana seized in Santa Barbara County. The following conditions apply:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Burning shall be conducted subject to the strict control and issuance of a permit by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.
2. Burning shall be confined to the Tajiguas Land Fill.
3. Burning shall be conducted only on "Permissive Burn Days".
4. Materials to be burned must be, to the greatest extent possible, arranged so as to burn with a minimum of smoke, be loosely stacked to allow maximum drying and provide good combustion.
4. Materials to be burned must be, to the greatest extent possible, free of dirt and moisture which would hinder complete combustion.
5. When possible, prior to burning, materials should be dried for the recommended minimum periods listed below:
 - a) Six (6) weeks for large branches 3" to 8" in diameter
 - b) Four (4) weeks for small branches 1" to 3" in diameter
 - c) Three (3) weeks for branches and materials ½" to 1" in diameter
 - d) Ten (10) days for very fine materials less than ½"
6. Use an approved ignition device that does not produce black smoke, such as butane, propane, LPG or diesel oil burners. Igniting tires or pouring diesel fuel on the materials are NOT acceptable ignition methods!

7. Burning will not commence prior to sunrise, and no additional waste material will be added to any fire after two hours before sunset. Any time limits stipulated within the Burn Permit must be strictly adhered to.
8. All fires shall be thoroughly extinguished before being left by the attendant(s). Adequate provisions should be made for the immediate extinguishment of the fire should it threaten to spread out of control.
9. Regardless of permit, no fires shall be started any time when the weather conditions are such that it would be unsafe to burn or cause a hazard to vehicular traffic flow.