



WINERY FAQ

1. *I have determined that my winery is exempt from permit based on the Annual Winery Spreadsheet calculations. Do I still need to obtain a Written Determination of Exemption and pay the processing fee?*

Yes, if the emissions from your winery are less than 1 ton per year you are exempt from permit requirements, but you are still required to obtain a Written Determination of Exemption to qualify for this exemption. To request the exemption, submit APCD Form-38W and the exemption processing fee to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). APCD Rule 202 section K.7 requires that wineries submit a written request to qualify for the winery permit exemption. You can view APCD Rule 202 here: <http://www.sbcapcd.org/rules/download/rule202.pdf>.

2. *Do I need to apply for an exemption for my winery every year?*

No, if your winery qualifies for a Written Determination of Exemption you only need to apply for the exemption once. After the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) receives a complete exemption request, including a complete APCD Form-38W and exemption processing fee, the APCD will issue a Written Determination of Exemption. The exemption is valid thereafter contingent upon compliance with the conditions in the exemption.

3. *Do I have to pay the exemption processing fee for my winery exemption every year?*

No, the processing fee for a Written Determination of Exemption is a one-time fee. There are no additional fees associated with a winery exemption for as long as the Written Determination of Exemption is valid.

4. *When is the processing fee for a winery exemption due?*

The processing fee for a Written Determination of Exemption is due with the winery exemption request (APCD Form -38W). If your request for written determination is submitted without this processing fee, the APCD will return the request to you without action.

5. *Why do you charge processing fees for winery permits and exemptions?*

We charge permit and exemption processing fees to cover our costs for reviewing applications, issuing permits and exemptions, and ensuring compliance. Different fees apply to different types of permits and equipment.

Our agency's mission is to provide clean air for the residents of our community. To do this costs money. Federal and State law requires us to implement our air pollution regulatory program and allows us to charge fees to recover our costs. The agency gets no money from property or general taxes collected by Santa Barbara County. Instead, the money to accomplish our mission and mandates comes almost completely from fees we charge to businesses and other sources of air pollution. More information about the APCD permit process and fees can be found [here](#).