



ANAHEIM FIRE & RESCUE
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OPEN BURNING & RECREATIONAL FIRES SPECIFICATION & REQUIREMENTS

References: California Fire Code

Open Burning:

This specification addresses the requirements for a permit to conduct Bonfires where the fuel area is greater than 3 feet in diameter or greater than 2 feet in height. A plan showing the location of the fire with respect to buildings, property lines and combustible materials, including trees, shall be submitted for approval with application.

Permit Requirements:

Notification: Prior to commencement of a bonfire, Anaheim Fire & Rescue shall be notified by calling (714) 533-1305. Bonfires will not be allowed on Red Flag days or during Santa Ana wind conditions.

Location: Bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material.

Fire-Extinguishing Equipment: A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open burning sites. Portable extinguishers cannot be used for an open burn.

Attendance: Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment, required by the section above. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished. Attendant must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

Discontinuance: If the bonfire is determined by the fire code official to constitute a hazardous condition, the fire code official is authorized to immediately discontinue if determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property.

Rubbish is not allowed to be burned in the City of Anaheim per State law regulated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Agricultural burning is allowed only by permit from the AQMD. The land used for agricultural burning must remain agricultural land and not be commercially developed.

Recreational Fires:

A permit is not required for burning in a Chiminea or portable fire pit. Recreational fires have a fuel area 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

Recommendations: Chiminea or fire pit location should be placed a minimum of 15 feet from a structure and combustible material. A charged garden hose or fire extinguisher with a rating of 2A-10BC should be readily available for use. Recreational fires should be constantly attended and supervised until the fire has been extinguished. The use of Chiminea or fire pits are not permitted on Red Flag days or during Santa Ana wind conditions.

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