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Open Burning for Double Crop Stubble Fires Begins June 1 and Ends August 31st

The double cropping stubble open burn season applies to agricultural fires set to dispose of grain stubble from land where both grain and vegetable crops are harvested during the same calendar year and runs from **June 1 through August 31**. These fires **must be permitted by the local public fire official** having jurisdiction and must be deemed necessary to remove the grain stubble and straw before a field vegetable crop can be planted. Also, no fires shall take place before 10:00 a.m., and all material to be burned must be free of visible surface moisture.

Although certain fires are allowed during the permissible burn period, each day of the year is designated as either a BURN or a NO BURN day. The Air District designates BURN day or NO BURN days based on meteorological and air quality conditions.

Allowed fires can only take place on a BURN day. This means that even though a permissible burn period may be in effect, the party seeking open burn authorization must check with the Air District for daily burn status prior to burning. BURN/NO BURN days are forecast by 3 p.m. on the District's toll-free number **1-800-HELP-AIR** for the following day.

These permissible open burning parameters apply to the entire Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano and southern Sonoma counties.

Bay Area residents may request a brochure about the District's open burning regulation by writing the Public Information Office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, or by calling 415-749-4900. To register complaints about illegal burning or other odor problems, call the District's 24-hour complaint line at 1-800-334-ODOR.

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