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Fall Marsh Management Fire Ends

The permissive burn period for fall "Marsh Management" ends on October 15, 2004, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Open burning is regulated because of its potential impact on air quality. Certain fires for agricultural purposes, flood control, fire training and the prevention of fire hazards are allowed for specified periods throughout the year.

Allowed fires can only take place on a BURN day. Any person seeking open burning authorization must check 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.

Open burning rules apply to the entire Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano and southern Sonoma counties. Copies of the regulations can be downloaded from www.baaqmd.gov. To register complaints about illegal burning or other odor problems, call the District's 24-hour complaint line at 1-800-334-ODOR. For additional information about marsh burning requirements in the Air District, please call Janet Simon, Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4780.

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