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Open Burning Season Ends for: Flood Debris, Orchard Pruning & Attrition (including vineyard), and Crop Replacement Burning Season Concludes May 31, 2006

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (Air District) permissive burn season for Flood Debris ends on Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

Orchard Pruning & Attrition and Crop Replacement burns normally end on April 30, but due to heavy winter rains an extension was granted until May 31.

Flood Debris, Orchard Pruning & Attrition and Crop Replacement (including vineyard) fires can only take place on a burn day as determined by the Air District. The Bay Area Air District meteorologists forecast Burn/No Burn days by 3 PM for the following day.

The Air District's Open Burning regulation (Regulation 5) can be downloaded at www.baaqmd.gov. Follow the links under "Air Quality Status." This information is also available on the Air District's toll-free number at 1-800-435-7247.

For additional information about Flood Debris, Orchard Pruning & Attrition and Crop Replacement requirements at the Air District, please call Janet Simon, Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4780.