



Compliance Tips for Stubble and Straw Burners

Do you plan **on burning stubble and/or straw** during the Stubble Burning Season? If you answered yes, then you are subject to Regulation 5, Open Burning (5-401.5) of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD or Air District).

What type of requirements must a Stubble Burner meet before burning takes place?

Stubble Burners must call **(415) 749-4600** to receive an acreage burning allocation from the Air District. They can not call and leave a burn acreage amount as a phone message. Burners must give their name, phone number, address, location of burn by County (Marin, Napa, Southern Sonoma), and address or location of the burn.

Burners in Southern Sonoma County must meet the following additional requirements:

- Burning is limited to 100 acres of a property per day and no more than 500 acres per day countywide
- If by 12:00 p.m. the daily 500 acre limit has not be allocated, you may burn up to 200 acres of any property in a single day provided the following is met:
 - Additional acreage burning allocation has been approved verbally by District staff and
 - No more than two fields exceeding 100 acres total are burned all together on the same property

Are there any new requirements that were not in effect during last year's burn season?

Yes. The Air District is requesting the cooperation of the Stubble Burning community to report the actual acreage burned by calling (415) 749-4979 no later than 12:00 p.m. the next day and the time burn had started.

As a Burner how do I ensure that I remain in compliance with the Regulation?

As long as you follow the tips listed below, you should be able to be in compliance with the regulation:

1. Stubble burns must be set or allowed by a public fire official
2. No burning before 10:00 a.m.
3. Check burn day status by calling 1-800-792-0787. This is a 24 hour recorded message. Next day forecast is available after 3:00 p.m.

4. Don't burn more than was allocated
5. Use proper ignition techniques
6. Check fuel moisture in the field to be burned
7. Check wind speed and direction – wind speed must be at least 5 mph and the smoke direction shall not blow towards a populated area
8. No additional material can be ignited or added 2 hours before or after sunset

As a Stubble Burner, how can I get more information on Regulation 5?

To find out more about this rule, you can call the Compliance and Enforcement Division Compliance Assistance Hotline at 415-749-4999 or get a copy of the regulation from the following link:

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/dst/regulations/rg0500.pdf>