

Definitions (per 1997 UFC):

Open burning: is the burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit.

Recreational Fire: is the burning of materials other than rubbish where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and with a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.

Hazardous Fire Area: is land which is covered with grass, grain brush or forest, whether privately or publicly owned, which is so situated or is of such inaccessible location that a fire originating upon such land would result in great and unusual damage through fire or resulting erosion. Such areas are designated by the chief on a map maintained in the office of the chief.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Santa Fe County Fire Department at 992-3070 or the local Volunteer Fire District for your area.

To obtain an Open Burn Permit, please contact your local Volunteer Fire District.

Santa Fe County Volunteer Fire Districts:

Agua Fria	471-3473
Chimayo	351-2326
Edgewood	281-4697
El Dorado	466-1204
Galisteo	466-0396
Glorietta Pass	757-6800
Hondo	982-9999
La Cienega	473-1560
La Puebla	753-1177
Madrid	424-8006
Pojoaque	455-2446
Stanley	832-2664
Tesuque	988-3807
Turquoise Trail	474-8282

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Open Burning in Santa Fe County



This information pamphlet has been put together by the Santa Fe County Fire Department Prevention Division with the intent to provide residents with information on Open Burning in Santa Fe County

All Open Burning permits are in accordance with Santa Fe County ordinance 1998-11, the 1997 Uniform Fire Code Section 1102, and NFPA Regulations.

Open Burning (field clearings, branches, weeds, bon fires):

Prior to commencement of any open burn, an Open Burn Permit must be obtained from your local fire district or the Santa Fe County Fire Prevention Division and contact the Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) at 428-3730 or 800-742-1144.

Rubbish containing paper products is prohibited.

Shall only be performed at the times and during weather conditions according to the limits set forth in the open-burning permit.

Shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open-burning sites.

Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person 17 or older, and knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment required and familiar with the permit limitations which restrict open burning. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

The Santa Fe County Fire Marshal is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the open burning is determined by the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal to constitute a hazardous condition.

Recreational Fires (ceremonial / sweat lodge, non-commercial BBQ pits):

Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbeque pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

Shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment required. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been extinguished.

The Santa Fe County Fire Marshal is authorized to require that recreational Fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

Ceremonial fires larger than a 3 ft diameter require an Open Burn permit.

Fireworks:

The following list of permissible fireworks has been taken from Chapter 60, Article 2C, Section 7, as amended (2007) ("Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act") of the NMSA 1978.

Permissible Fireworks:

- Ground and hand-held sparkling and smoke devices:
Cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels.
- Aerial devices:
Aerial shell kit-reloadable tubes, aerial spinners, helicopters, mines, missile-type

rockets, roman candles, shells, and stick-type rockets, except as provided in Subsection B (see below: Non-Permissible Fireworks).

- Ground Audible Devices:
Chasers, and firecrackers.

Non-Permissible Fireworks:

- Stick-type rockets having a tube less than a five-eighths inch outside diameter and less than three and one-half inches in length.
- Fireworks intended for sale to the public that produce an audible effect, other than a whistle, by a charge of more than one hundred thirty milligrams of explosive composition per report.

Santa Fe County Burn Restrictions:

During fire season it is possible that the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal and Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners may declare hazardous fire conditions and impose fire restrictions on fireworks, open fires, smoking and other ignition sources within Santa Fe County.

Any burn permits issued are automatically void and new permits will not be issued in any Santa Fe County Fire District until conditions improve and restrictions are lifted.

Penalties and/or Fines (per Ordinance 1998-11):

In addition to any penalty or other remedy provided by law, any person, corporation, entity or organization, found to have committed a violation of any of the provisions of the Ordinance or adopted Codes, shall be punished by a fine of up to \$300.00 or imprisonment up to six (6) months, or both a fine and imprisonment. Each-day on which the Ordinance or adopted Codes are violated shall constitute a separate violation.