

# SMITH VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT OPEN BURNING RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

This document is your permit to conduct open burning on residential and commercial properties within the Smith Valley Fire District. Persons who conduct and/or participate in open burning activities do so at their own risk and may be held liable for any damage, injury, or cost of response and suppression resulting from the activities. Open burning is subject to the terms and conditions of use contained herein.

*Residential & Commercial open burning does not include the burning of agricultural waste, weeds and other debris or other agricultural burning, including ditches and fields, and the burning of materials that are wholly produced from growing and harvesting crops or raising animals for the primary purpose of providing a livelihood using customarily accepted agricultural practices on land in "agricultural use," per NRS 361A.030, and along irrigation canals and ditches. Agricultural burning is subject to the Smith Valley Fire District's Agricultural Open Burning Regulations.*

### Burn Regulations:

1. **This permit is valid except when the Fire Chief imposes restrictions during fire season or suspends Residential/Commercial open burning**, or when superseded by revised regulations.
2. **A copy of this Permit must be readily available for inspection by the Fire Chief or designee upon request.**
3. A person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment and familiar with the permit limitations that restrict open burning shall constantly attend and control open burning until the fire has been extinguished. Control must be maintained at all times to prevent the fire from escaping.
4. **Regular burn hours are sunrise until 2 p.m. with no smoke visible after 3 p.m.** Authorization to burn and burn hours are dependent on current and predicted weather conditions. Check the weather forecast before you burn: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/?zone=NV459&zonest=Go&wfo=rev&interface=fwzones>. **DO NOT** burn when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make fires hazardous.
5. **DO NOT** burn on windy days. **Cease burning if winds exceed 15 mph.** Do not burn if winds are predicted to be greater than 15 mph. Extinguish the fire immediately if it can no longer be controlled safely.
6. Burn only clean woody, forest, range or yard debris. **DO NOT** burn materials that cause offensive or objectionable smoke or odor emissions including garbage (waste food products, dead animals, fish or fowl, etc.), rubbish, waste, toxic material, construction debris, plastics or other hydrocarbon products (e.g., hay-baling twine) or fuels, combustible refuse, oil, or for any salvage operations! (LCC 15.270.09 & NAC 445B.22067)
7. **Burn in an open area, at least 30 feet from any structure.** Prior to ignition, eliminate conditions that could cause fire to spread to within 30 feet of a structure or to spread to other combustible materials.
8. Cut, pile and burn weeds and yard debris in burn piles **3 feet high and 5 feet in diameter or smaller.** Maintain **fire breaks not less than 10 feet wide around all fires.** Burn one pile at a time to maintain control. Do not burn excessive amounts of combustibles.
9. Burn barrels **must** be a minimum of 15 feet from structures and other combustible materials. **Burn barrels must be covered with a spark arrestor/screen, in good condition, constructed of heavy wire mesh with openings no larger than 1/4 inch. DO NOT burn garbage, rubbish, waste, plastics or other prohibited materials.**
10. **A useable water supply, such as a garden hose connected to a home water system or a pressurized water tank, and a shovel, hoe or Pulaski, or other approved fire extinguishing equipment must be immediately available for use at all burn sites to maintain control, prevent the fire from escaping, and extinguish the fire.**

Open burning is permitted only under the conditions prescribed by law or by the District Fire Chief related to time, weather, burning specifications, firebreaks, and staffing requirements. Permission for open burning granted by the District does not relieve the user of any legal responsibility for the safe use of fire or allow burning to be done in violation of any State, County or Fire District law, ordinance or regulation restricting or regulating the use of fire.

The Fire District, its officers or agents may, without further process of law, extinguish or require to have extinguished any fire ignited or maintained in violation of the requirements of Chapter 15.270.09 of the Lyon County Code. **Permission to conduct open burning may be temporarily NULL AND VOID during suspension of burning by the District Fire Chief or his authorized representative.**

Any person who violates any provision of Chapter 15.270.09 of the Lyon County Code or these regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor, may be cited as such, and is responsible for all costs of response and fire suppression associated with the violation.

(Issued in accordance with SVFPD Resolution 13-005, Lyon County Code Chapter 15.270.09, 2012 International Fire Code Chapter 3, Section 307, and NAC 445B.22067)