

Permit Requirements

1. Wind speed while burning: Greater than 5 miles per hour (m.p.h.) but less than 15 m.p.h.
2. The fire must be constantly attended and the burn permit must be on-site during burning.
3. All burning must be completed during the allowable burn times.
4. Each open burn must not be started with ignition sources that cause black smoke.
5. The burn pit, pile, or approved waste burner must be at least 50 feet from any dwelling unit.
6. Open burning shall be conducted only during atmospheric conditions which:
 - a. Prevent dispersion of smoke into populated areas.
 - b.. Prevent visibility impairment on traveled roads or at airports.
 - c. Do not create a public nuisance or adversely affect public safety.
 - d. Do not cause uncontrollable spreading of the fire.
 - e. Reckless burning is prohibited by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §13-1706.
7. **Reporting Requirements:** Each permittee must provide the following information to PCAQCD for each burn date, or after the burn permit period, or in a calendar-year report prior to April 1 of the following year.
 - A. Date of Burn
 - B. Type and quantity of fuel burned
 - C. Fire Type: Pile or windrow
 - D. Legal Location: Street address, or assessor's parcel number, or latitude and longitude, or township, range and section



Violations

1. Failure to comply with burn permit conditions:
Civil penalties up to \$10,000.00 per day
2. Reckless burning under A.R.S. §13-1706:
Class 1 or 2 Misdemeanor or Class 3 Felony



Burning Any Of The Following is Prohibited:

Any garbage from the processing, storage, service, or consumption of food, household waste, chemically treated wood, lead painted wood, linoleum flooring, composite countertops, tires, explosives, ammunition, oleanders, asphalt shingles, tar paper, plastic and rubber products, household chemical bottles, plastic grocery and retail bags, waste petroleum products (crankcase oil, transmission oil, oil filters, transformer oils) asbestos, batteries, anti-freeze, aerosol spray cans, electrical wire insulation, thermal insulation, polyester products, hazardous waste products (paints, pesticides, cleaners, solvents, stains, varnishes and other flammable liquids), plastic pesticide containers or bags, and hazardous material containers that contained lead, cadmium, mercury, or arsenic compounds.

Pinal County Air Quality Control District



Area A

Apache Junction, Parts of Florence,
Gold Canyon, San Tan Valley, Queen Creek

ALLOWABLE BURN HOURS:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. April 1 through April 30
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 1 through March 31
No burning allowed May 1–September 30

BURN PERMITS are available online!



31 N. Pinal, Building F
Florence, AZ 85132
Telephone: (520) 866-6929

www.pinalcountyaz.gov

Permitted Fires

Provided a burn permit is first obtained from the Control Officer the following fires are allowed after contacting the appropriate fire district/department or State Forester.

1. **Residential fires**—are used for the disposal of non-toxic vegetative or horticultural waste that are generated only from that property.
 - a. **Small Scale**—The quantity of material burned during the one month permit is less than 10 cubic yards of non-compacted materials. (Fee is \$2.00 for a 3 day permit and \$5.00 for a one month permit) Permits may be renewed month-to-month.
 - b. **Large Scale**—The quantity of material burned during the one month permit is less than 20 cubic yards of non-compacted materials (Fee is \$10.00 for a one month permit) Only two permits may be obtained per calendar year.
2. **Commercial Fires**—are used for the disposal of non-toxic vegetative or horticultural waste that are generated from a business.
 - a. **Small Scale**—The quantity of material burned during the one month permit is less than 10cubic yards of non-compacted materials. (Fee is \$5.00 for a 3 day permit, and \$20.00 for a one month permit) Permits may be renewed month-to-month.
 - b. **Large Scale**—The quantity of material burned during the one month permit is less than 20 cubic yards of non-compacted materials. (Fee is \$35.00 for a one month permit) Only two permits may be obtained per calendar year.
 - c. **Land Clearing**—Used for a one-time land clearing operation and requires a site inspection by the Air Quality Division. (Fee is \$250.00 for the application and \$1.00 per acre for the burning). **[60dys]**
3. **Agricultural Fires**—set for weed control or the disposal of non-toxic horticultural wastes. (Fee is \$50.00 for less than 320 acres, \$100.00 for more than 320 acres, and \$200.00 for all non-contiguous acreage under one owner) Permits are issued for one year.
4. **Bonfires**—set by a political subdivision for a civic or community event.
5. **Training Exercise Fires**—set by companies for the instruction of fire fighting methods.

6. **Building Demolition Fires**—set for the disposal of abandoned buildings/materials and require a site inspection by the Air Quality Division (Fee is \$250.00)
7. **Destruction of Dangerous Material Fires**—set when the materials are too dangerous to store or transport. (Fee is \$250.00)
8. **Air Curtain Destructor**—used for the disposal of non-toxic vegetative or horticultural waste and requires a Class II Air Quality permit.

Exempted Fires

1. **Recreational fires**—are used for religious, ceremonial, cooking, or warmth. The total fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. No permit or report is required.
2. **Public Officer fires**—are used by a public officer in the performance of an official duty, and must be reported to the Control Officer.



NO Burn Restrictions



All burn permits shall limit the manner and the time of fires and contain a provision that all burning be extinguished at the discretion of the Control Officer/ Representative during periods of inadequate atmospheric smoke dispersion:

1. When an air stagnation advisory is issued by ADEQ or the National Weather Service.
2. When an air pollution emergency episode alert or warning is declared.
3. During periods of visibility impairment that may impact a Class 1 Wilderness Area.
4. During periods of extreme fire danger or when smoke is blown into populated areas.
5. When monitoring or forecasting indicates either carbon monoxide or particulate matter standards are likely to exceed in Area A as defined by A.R.S. §49.541.
6. **No person affected by a “no burn” restriction is entitled to a refund or an extension.**

Open Burning Permits are available at the following county locations:

Main Office—Burn permits available online

Physical Address: 31 N. Pinal St Bldg F

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Florence (520) 866-6929

575 N Idaho Rd Suite 800

Monday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Apache Junction (520) 866-6929

Area A Fire Contacts

Superstition Fire & Medical District

565 N Idaho Rd (Mon-Thurs 7am—6pm)

(480) 644-2400—Mesa Dispatch

www.sfmd.az.gov

Queen Creek Fire

22358 S Ellsworth Rd

(480) 358-3360

www.queencreek.org

Florence Fire

72 1st St

(520) 868-7609

www.florenceaz.gov

Rural Metro Fire

708 W Baseline—Mesa

(800) 645-9413

www.ruralmetrofire.com

Please contact your local fire agency to determine if there are any burn restrictions in your area.

If you do not have a local fire agency, please call the State Forester prior to burning.

State Forester (800) 309-7081

When the AZ Dept of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issues a High Pollution Advisory (HPA) for PM10 or PM2.5 (Particulate Matter), there is **NO BURNING ALLOWED** which includes:

* All wood burning (Wood stoves, fireplaces, outdoor fires, and fire pits or chimneas) Excludes EPA approved fireplaces & where wood burning provides your “sole source of heat”.

All open burning permits are suspended during an HPA!