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Torrance County Burn Requirements

You are not allowed to burn materials such as household trash, refuse, wire sheathing, rubbish, animal waste, waste oil, plastics, or other materials that are difficult to burn without producing vast amounts of noxious and toxic fumes or dense smoke.

Burning in piles no larger than 3' in diameter and 2' high is permitted in the unincorporated areas of Torrance County without a permit.

PROCEDURES FOR BURNING

- You must call the Burn Line 505 384-2705 prior to burning each day.
- Fire extinguishing equipment must be available within 10 feet of the fire. This may consist of some type of water source (garden hose, buckets of water) and shovel.
- Agricultural areas in excess of ¼ acre
- Slash piles (branches, twigs, trees, etc.)
- No burning within fifty (50) feet of any structure, shed, house, commercial building, combustible material, or vegetation.
- If the wind exceeds 10mph, immediately extinguish the fire completely.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Extinguish it prior to leaving the area. Soaking the material with water is the best method.
- If the fire gets out of control, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- NEVER use gasoline or any flammable liquid to start the fire. Serious injury, death, or loss of property may result!

BURNING HOURS

- Winter Burn hours are 11:00am to 3:00pm October 1 through March 31.
- Summer Burn 6:00am to 4:00pm April 1 through September 30.

All burning will be suspended for Red Flag conditions as issued by the National Weather Service. Burning may be suspended for other reasons deemed a risk by the TCF&R administration.

