

# **Davis Fire Department**Fire Prevention Division

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# **Rural Yard Burning**

Rural yard burning is the open burning of vegetative material (dry weeds, plant prunings, shrubbery, tree trimmings and branches) from around a residential property not located within the city limits of Davis. Rural yard burning is allowed only on Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) approved burn days and only in areas authorized by the Davis Fire Department. A permit is not required for a rural yard burn. For information on agricultural burning, contact YSAQMD.

#### Where Allowed:

Fire Jurisdiction	Residential Yard Burning
City of Davis	Prohibited
East Davis Fire Protection District	Prohibited
Springlake Fire Protection District Area B	Allowed
No Man's Land Fire District	Allowed

### **General Requirements:**

- Burning may only occur within times set by YSAQMD. In all cases, fires may not start before 9 a.m. and smolder or burn later than 5:00 p.m. Daily burn windows are typically narrower than this range. Please refer to the agricultural burn line recording for the time frame in which burning is allowed.
- All burn material must be dry and free of trash or dirt.
- Vegetative material to be burned must come from the property where burning occurs.
- Burn piles cannot be larger than 4 feet high by 6 feet diameter.
- Burn piles must have adequate clearance from neighboring property (50 feet), structures (50 feet) and combustible materials (15 feet).
- Burns may not cause a nuisance with smoke and ash to neighbors.
- Maintain a shovel and an extinguishing agent (hose with a nozzle, large bucket of water, fire extinguisher, etc.) in the immediate vicinity of the yard burn.

## **Prohibited Items:**

The burning of trash of any kind is strictly prohibited. Smoke and ash generated through the burning of household garbage and non-organic materials can be toxic. Exposure to these pollutants can cause respiratory ailments, stressed immune systems and cancer. Children are especially susceptible to the health impacts of airborne toxins released by the burning of garbage. The following items may not be burned under any circumstances:

- Garbage
- Building materials (including lumber or demolished structures of any kind)
- Pallets
- Furniture
- Coal
- Any other non-organic materials

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