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## New Online Open Burning Permit

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCoFire) is introducing a new way to obtain a burn permit. The online open burn permitting process allows residents to access a customer portal on the internet, complete an application and submit it online. The permit is then emailed to the applicant along with safety information. To apply for a permit online, visit [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) and click on the burn status icon at the bottom of the page.

Open burning permits have always been required for residential or agricultural farm property owners wishing to dispose of waste vegetation. After today, permits will no longer be issued at fire stations or at County Fire administrative offices. There is no cost to obtain a burn permit.

Residents or farmers wishing to burn must call SBCoFire Dispatch (909-356-3805) on the day they wish to burn to ensure burning is allowed. Even after a burn permit is obtained, there are still restrictions and requirements that must be followed, such as the size of fires, proper clearances from structures, and types of items burned. Open burning is not allowed during a Red Flag event or on No Burn days from the Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

Small recreational fires (2' x 3' maximum) are allowed without a permit, with certain restrictions, as are barbecue pits and outdoor fireplaces. Residents wishing to have such fires are encouraged to use natural gas or LPG as an alternative to burning wood - and are in fact required to do so in wildfire prone areas such as the mountains and foothill regions of the county.

“Open burning conducted with a proper permit is something that can be done safely during our winter season,” explained San Bernardino County Fire Marshal Mike Horton. “We appreciate the cooperation of our residents in using our new online burn permit, which will help to avoid any unnecessary vegetation fire responses as well as potential destructive fires and burn injuries.”

Much of San Bernardino County is in the State or Federal Responsibility Areas, which means a permit from Cal Fire will be required to burn. A permit can be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>.

San Bernardino County Fire Protection District encourages residents to be prepared for wildfire. Create a Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan and learn how to create defensible space around your home; sign up for the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS); and download the Ready SB County app at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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