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## EL PASO COUNTY E.S.D. #2 -- FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

# Agricultural Burn Permit Application

(For dry plant growth natural to the area only)

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of burn site (if different from mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

I, *(Print Name)* \_\_\_\_\_ have received, read and understand the regulations for approval of this permit. I also understand that any variances of the comments without the approval from El Paso County ESD #2 Fire Marshal's Office may result in a permit being rescinded and additional fees and/or citations assessed per the El Paso County fire code.

Landowner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Permit expires one (1) year from date issued\*\*\*

Total permit fee: \$00.00/year

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### For County Office Use Only

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

An operational permit may be issued to conduct OPEN BURNING at the address listed with the following comments attached as conditions of the permit. All comments must be met and maintained throughout the duration of the permit. Failure to meet these comments and conditions as requested will render the owner/permit holder in violation of the El Paso County fire code and subject to fines.

**A call must be made EACH day to (915) 851-0304 PRIOR TO BURNING for Daily Burn Status.**

I have reviewed and understand and will adhere to the regulations set forth by the Fire Code Official and the El Paso County ESD #2 Fire Marshal's Office as they pertain to Open Burning.

I do hereby release El Paso County, El Paso County ESD #2, any officials, or any member thereof, of any responsibility for damage or loss incurred from burning of the above described materials.

I understand that I am liable for any and all financial remuneration relation to the suppression of and/or any damage caused by fire that originated from the burning of the described material.

Open Burning applications for approval shall only presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon in which the fire is to be kindled.

**GENERAL:** Open burning shall be conducted as required by other governing agencies regulating emissions, i.e. T.C.E.Q. ONLY natural materials that are dry plant growth shall be burned.

**CLEARANCES:** Open burning is NOT permitted on lots where there is less than 50 feet of clearance from a structure and 50 feet from other combustible material, i.e. trees, bushes, power lines, etc. There must be a 50 foot fire break around the material to be burned.

**PILE SIZE:** The burn pile shall be no larger than 10 feet in diameter and 5 feet in height.

**ATTENDANCE:** A competent person shall continuously attend the burn pile until the fire is extinguished. This person shall have a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

**HOURS:** Hours of burning shall be confined to one hour after sunrise and one hour prior to sunset.

**ALL FIRES \* SHALL BE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE SUNSET.**

**\*A FIRE IS ANY AMOUNT OF HEAT WHICH CAN PRODUCE SMOKE OR FLAME.**

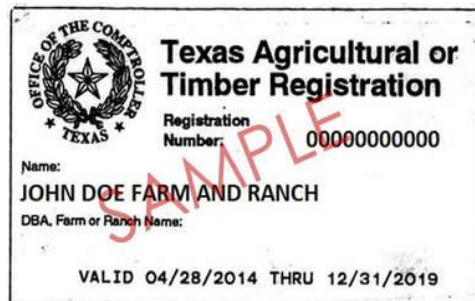
**DISCONTINUANCE:** The Fire Marshal is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if it is determined that the open burning constitutes a hazardous condition. During burn bans and ozone action days there is no open burning.

**EXTINGUISHMENT AUTHORITY:** The Fire Marshal and or local responding emergency services official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the fire if in their opinion the Open Burning creates a hazardous situation.

**PERMIT:** The length of permit shall last no longer than one (1) year from the date of issuance.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE OF A CITATION AND/OR LOSS OF FUTURE BURNING PRIVILEGES.**

All Agricultural Burn Permits must first obtain a Registration Number from the Texas Agricultural or Timber Registration from the Office of the Comptroller of Texas.



**Prior to calling the Fire Marshal's Office, please have the answers to these questions prepared:**

1. At what address is the burn going to take place? Also where on the property will it be occurring?
2. If smoke will begin to impact a road or highway, the responsible party must post a flag-person. Please state what streets the flag person will be posted.
3. Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure containing sensitive receptors, unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant with possessory control.

Identify any schools, churches, daycares, or homes within 300 feet of your burn.

4. The County has designated hours of operation for all burns to be from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Burning shall not commence when surface wind speed is predicted less than 6 mph or greater than 23 mph. Please tell us the time you will begin burning and when you will end burning.
5. Please check local weather forecast for wind speed mph & direction for the day the burn will take place.
6. What is going to be burned?
7. How much is going to be burned?

**Prohibited Items: Electrical Insulation, Treated lumber, Heavy Oils, Explosive Materials, Chemical Wastes, Plastics, Rubber, Asphaltic Materials, Tires, Non-wood construction and Demolition Debris.**

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Causing a confirmed nuisance is subject to violation of the Texas Administrative Code 111.221

Please be aware that if you are a commercial farmer with a large amount of agricultural waste, you may be required to obtain a Permit by Rule (PBR) 106.496 and a General Air Permit for authorization to operate and burn using an Air Curtain Incinerator.

For more information regarding the outdoor burning rules, please refer to 30 TAC 111.201 – 221, which can be found by clicking on "Rules" on the TCEQ home page.

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