

Burn Permits

Burning of materials that release smoke directly into the air without passing through a smokestack or chimney from an enclosed chamber is prohibited. Burning that produces offensive smoke or an offensive odor is prohibited. Therefore, it is **not** legal to openly burn trash, weeds, leaves or any other type of rubbish.

Permits Required for:

- 1. Bonfires** - A permit must be obtained to conduct a bonfire. The permit application, site plan and fee of \$67.50 must be received by Fire Prevention 10 days in advance of the bonfire. A bonfire must be 50 feet from any structure or combustible materials unless it is contained in a barbeque pit.



- 2. Open Burn** - A Fire Dept. permit must be obtained to conduct an open burn. The permit application, site plan, prior approval from Maricopa County including county permit, and fee of \$135 must be received by Fire Prevention 10 days in advance of the burn. An open burn shall be 50 feet or more from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading. See [Maricopa County Web Site](http://www.maricopa.gov) for more information.



Permits are subject to late fees and re-submittal fees per the [2006 International Fire Code with Phoenix Amendments](#).

- 3. Open Flame** - A permit must be obtained to use open flame devices in front of a public audience. The permit application, site plan and fee of \$135 must be received by Fire Prevention 10 days in advance of the use.

For all Burn Permits a site plan is required showing the location of any open flame being used, bonfire or area to be burned.

- A fire code official will review your application. Conditions may be stipulated in order to approve your application. Submittals are not automatically approved.



The Phoenix Fire Code gives the fire code official authority to enforce the provisions of the code and the authority to render interpretations of the code, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions.

Recreational Fires: Do not require a permit but are subject to County No Burn Days.

The following are considered recreational-

- Cooking for immediate human use
- Warmth for human beings
- Small fire pits or chimineas or containers
- Branding of animals
- Orchard heaters for frost protection

All fires shall be constantly attended. A fire extinguisher, dirt, sand water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available if needed.

www.phoenix.gov/fire/prevention

