



## Updated Phase-Out Schedule for Agricultural Burning

The table below identifies the types of agricultural materials that may continue to be burned with a valid, District-issued burn permit and burn authorization between now and the end of January 1, 2022:

Crop Category or Material	Previously Eligible For Burning	Changes Effective Jan 1, 2022
Orchard Removals	All Apple, Pear, & Quince Removals	No Changes
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citrus Orchard Removals &gt;15 acres at agricultural operations whose total citrus acreage at all agricultural operation sites is &gt;200 acres</li> <li>Prohibit Citrus Orchard Removals &gt;30 acres</li> <li>Maintain case-by-case for Citrus Orchard Removal 15 – 30 acres at agricultural operations ≤200 acres</li> </ol>	Prohibit all Citrus Removal open burns >15 acres
	All Orchard Removals ≤15 acres at a single location, per calendar year	Prohibit burning at agricultural operations >500 acres
Vineyard Removals	All Vineyard Removals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibit Spur-Pruned (Cordon) burning at agricultural operations &gt;2,000 acres</li> <li>Prohibit Cane-Pruned burning at agricultural operations &gt;500</li> </ol>
Field Crops	Rice Straw up to 20% of total rice acreage farmed per year	No Change
	Rice Field Levees and Banks	No Changes
Prunings	Apple, Pear, & Quince Prunings	No Changes
Surface Harvested Prunings	Almond, Pecan, Walnut, & Chestnut Prunings ≤20 acres at all agricultural operations	Prohibit burning ≤20 acres at agricultural operations >200 acres

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Attrition	Attrition from all orchard and vineyard crops (includes suckers, dead or broken branches and dead trees/vines)	No Changes
Weed Abatement	Ponding and Levee banks	No Changes
	Ditch banks and Canal banks*	No Changes
	Noxious Weeds identified by the USDA as being noxious to a crop or livestock*	No Changes
	Tumbleweeds*	No Changes
Other Materials	Raisin Trays	No Changes
	Diseased Beehives	No Changes
	Diseased materials identified by the County Agricultural Commissioner that can only be abated by burning	No Changes
	Paper Fertilizer Sacks and Paper Pesticide/Seed Sacks*	No Changes

\*Landowners must implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) or reasonable alternatives to open burning. A burn permit may be issued if the landowner demonstrates to the District that open burning is a BMP for abating the material.

**Any agricultural material not described in this bulletin no longer qualifies for an agricultural burn permit.** An on-site inspection by a District inspector may be required to determine burn permit eligibility.

Agricultural burn permit holders are encouraged to use the automated smoke management system (SMS) when seeking a daily burn authorization. When requesting burn authorizations, growers should report only the amount of material that can be expected to be burned on that date. The SMS may be reached by telephone at **1-800-665-2876** between 6:00 and 11:00 AM daily, or via the Internet at: <http://sms.valleyair.org>.

For questions on open burning and agricultural burn permits, please call **1-800-665-2876** between 6:00 AM and 11:00 AM.