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UNLAWFUL OPEN BURNING

It is unlawful for any person to Ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or suffer, allow, or maintain any outdoor fire within the State of Arizona except as provided in Arizona Revised Statute 49-501.

Burning Garbage, Trash, Tree Trimmings, Weeds, Stubble, Debris, Salvage Material, or any other combustible substance is prohibited.

Any person who violates this regulation is guilty of a Class One Misdemeanor, Criminal Offense.

EL FUEGO AL DESCUBIERTO ES CONTRA LA LEY

Es contra la ley, dentro del Estado de Arizona, encender, permitir encender, o mantener encendido cualquier fuego al descubierto, con las excepciones establecida por la ley Estatal Revisada 49-501.

Esta prohibido quemar basura, ramas de arboles, hierba, desperdicios de material, u otras substancias combustibles.

Cualquier persona que viole este reglamento es culpable de una ofensa criminal clasficada como infraccion menor, tipo uno.

Maricopa County No Burn Day Information and Resources

What is a No Burn Day and how does it affect me?

When air pollution levels are on the rise and weather conditions create dry, stagnant air, the Maricopa County Air Quality Department will issue a “No Burn Day.” Restrictions last for a 24-hour period, starting at midnight, and include a ban on woodburning activity including fireplaces, fire pits or open outdoor fires. The purpose of the No Burn Day restriction is to avoid adding pollution to our air when the forecast suggests air quality will approach or exceed the federal health standard.

Who must comply with a No Burn Day?

No Burn Day restrictions apply to those living within Maricopa County and within incorporated cities and towns in Maricopa County. The area envelopes most of the cities and towns in the valley. Visit http://www.maricopa.gov/aq/divisions/planning_analysis/docs/Area_A.pdf for a detailed profile of Maricopa County and which cities and towns fall within the county limits. Woodburning in fireplaces, fire pits, chimineas and open outdoor fires are included in the No Burn Day restrictions.

How long does a No Burn Day last?

A No Burn Day goes into effect for a 24-hour period starting at midnight, lasting until midnight the following day. Example: a No Burn Day issued for a Friday would start at 12:01 a.m. on Friday morning and last until 12:00 a.m. 24 hours later.

Is it okay to burn manufactured/wax logs on a No Burn Day?

During a No Burn Day, one may NOT burn manufactured logs.

Who enforces the No Burn Days?

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department is responsible for enforcing No Burn Days. Air quality inspectors respond to residential, commercial and open burn complaints when a No Burn Day is in effect.

What is the penalty for burning during a No Burn Day?

Anyone using a non-approved residential wood burning device during a No Burn Day and who has not been issued an exemption will be given a warning and educational material for the first violation. Thereafter, one will be fined \$50 for the second violation, \$100 for the third violation and \$250 for fourth and subsequent violations.

What is an approved residential wood burning device?

An approved residential wood burning device or an Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] approved device is a fireplace or woodstove that meets the EPA’s low air emissions standards. All approved devices will have a permanent label usually attached to the back of the device. Examples of these types of devices include gas fireplaces, gas logs and pellet stoves. These devices MAY be used during a No Burn Day. For more information, call 602-506-6010.

