



Escondido Fire Department Guidelines for Outdoor Fires



Outdoor fires shall not be built and will not be permitted in hazardous fire areas. This includes wood-burning fires at Kit Carson Park (exception is the deep fire pit with a burn permit), the Dixon Lake Campground, and other property adjacent to, or in wildland areas.

Backyard recreational and cooking fires will be allowed without a permit as long as they meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Wood-burning fires contained in a commercially manufactured portable fireplace, that is equipped with a screen or door, lid or spark arrestor, and is above the ground. Chiminea types do not meet these requirements.
- ◆ Cooking fires using natural gas, propane, or charcoal, contained in commercially-manufactured barbecue or cooking appliance.
- ◆ Permanently installed fire pit, fireplace, barbecue, or cooking appliance for which building permits were issued at the time of construction.
 - Building permits are only issued for the fire pits using natural gas or propane. Permanently installed and permitted fire pits are not designed for wood burning.
- ◆ Permanent barbecues and portable fireplaces shall not be used for the disposal of stumps, rubbish, trash, or combustible waste material.

Outdoor Fire Permits

Miscellaneous Burn Permits:

- ◆ Pit barbecues are allowed, upon completion and approval of a Miscellaneous Burn Permit on a case-by-case basis following an on-site inspection.
- ◆ Miscellaneous Burn Permits are not issued on July 4th weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Eve/Day.
- ◆ \$100.00 fee due at time of application.

Agricultural Burn Permits:

The Air Pollution Control District allows agricultural burning permits to be issued during certain times of the year, within specific limits:

- ◆ Permits are issued only when the weather allows – never during “Fire Season.”
- ◆ Only "Agricultural Material" which is a direct result of agricultural operations (citrus, avocado, macadamia, flowers) or other vegetation cleared from groves may be burned.

