

APPLICATION FOR AN OPEN BURNING PERMIT
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL
Phone: 505-747-6367

Name of Applicant: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____

E Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Type of materials to be burned: () Weeds () Branches/Tree Trimmings () Grass/shrubs/leaves

Burn Area Description: Ditch () Fence Line () Field ()

Pile(s) Size: Small 3'X3' () Medium 4'X4' () Large 6'X6' () All piles must be no taller than 5' (feet) tall.

Method of Ignition: () Match () Weed Burner **Method of Fire Control:** Water Hose () Fire Extinguisher () Ditch ()

An approved permit shall remain in effect indefinitely

Terms & Conditions

I hereby make application to Rio Arriba County for an open burning permit and agree to abide by the following conditions:

- **Permit holder agrees that burn operations shall ONLY take place on SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**
- **Permit holder agrees that the burn operation shall not take place on Holiday weekends.**
- Permit holder agrees to comply with all conditions set forth in Section 13 of Rio Arriba County Ordinance 97-04, otherwise known as the Solid Waste Ordinance, which states as follows: "No garbage, refuse or debris shall be burned within the County. Yard waste may only be burned when properly permitted by the County Fire Marshall Office." Yard Waste is defined as: "Vegetative matter resulting from landscaping, land maintenance and land clearing operations."
- Permit holder agrees to exercise the utmost care and good judgment in conducting each and every burn operation.
- **Permit holder agrees to notify the Española Dispatch Center at (505) 753-5555 of each and every burn operation at least 20 minutes prior to burning.**
- **Chimayo residents: Permit holder agrees to notify the Santa Fe County Dispatch Center at (505) 351-4747 of each and every burn operation at least 20 minutes prior to burning.**
- Permit holder agrees to check for burn restrictions prior to conducting each and every burn operation. Burn restrictions are available on the Rio Arriba County Website (www.rio-arriba.org) or by calling the Rio Arriba County Fire Marshal's Office during normal business hours at (505) 747-6367.
- Permit holder agrees to ensure that each and every burn operation does not take place when burn restrictions are in place or when wind gusts exceed 10mph.
- Permit holder agrees that each and every burn operation shall begin at least one hour *after* sunrise and conclude one hour *before* sunset.
- Permit holder agrees not to conduct any burn operations unless the wind direction at the site of burning is such that the smoke will generally be carried away from public roads and areas of human habitation. (Rio Arriba County recommends notifying neighbors of burn operations prior to operations commencing)
- Permit holder agrees to cease each and every burn operation when atmospheric conditions are such that the smoke does not dissipate vertically or the National Weather Service issues an Air Stagnation Advisory for the area.
- Permit holder agrees to ensure that any and all material to be burned is dry and that the presence of dirt in the burn pile is minimized to prevent extended smoldering conditions.
- Permit holder agrees to follow any and all applicable restrictions, codes and ordinances (e.g. fire codes or ordinances) whether temporary or permanent of any other governmental bodies having jurisdiction.
- All burn areas must have a 3' fuel break clear of any and all flammable materials down to bare soil around the burn area.
- Permit holder agrees to not conduct any burning operations without having the following available and at the ready: at least one (1) fire control method, additional physical assistance, and the following tools: rakes, pitchforks and shovels.

By signing below, I declare that I have read the foregoing and agree with all terms & conditions:

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Approved By: _____ **Date:** _____

*Rio Arriba County reserves the right to cancel this permit at any time. Notification of cancellation shall be made by mail to the mailing address shown. If this permit is cancelled, an alternative method of disposal of yard waste must be used. The permit holder is hereby placed on notice that burn operations are an inherently dangerous and deadly activity, and the permit holder shall assume full responsibility for burn operations and any damages that might arise from same. Rio Arriba County hereby disclaims any and all liability for damages caused by any and all burn operations conducted by the permit holder.