

# Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade

P.O. Box 520 Big Sur, CA  
831-667-2113

## Residential Burn Permit

This permit is for burning yard trimmings only on residential property within the response area of the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. This permit is subject to the terms and conditions listed below. This permit is valid for an entire burn season, **December 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30th**, of each year. Each new burn season requires a new burn permit. *(Burn permits may be suspended at any time without notice due unfavorable burning conditions)*

### Instructions:

1. Save this form to the hard drive of your computer. You may need to open the form in a different viewer if the viewer you are using does not support fill-in.
2. Complete the form by filling in the lines / fields indicated.
3. Save the completed form to your computer using the burn address as the file name.
4. Email the completed form to the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade at: [bigsurfire@gmail.com](mailto:bigsurfire@gmail.com).

The completed form can also be printed and mailed to:

Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade  
P.O. Box 520  
Big Sur, CA 93920

Once the permit application is received, approval will be sent by email or postal mail. Please indicate below how you would like to receive the approved permit.

Residential burning shall not occur unless a permit is issued by the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit authorizes the person stated above, who has legal control of the property location where the burn is to occur, or is legally authorized by the property owner to conduct a burn, to burn **Yard Trimmings Only** at the following physical location:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer permit approval sent to me by email. (Include email address above)

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer permit approval to be sent to me by postal mail.

Burning is allowed ONLY on Permissive Burn Days. For each day of burning, the permit holder MUST call **1-800-225-2876**, to determine if it is a permissive burn day.

#### Residential Burn Permit Terms and Conditions:

1. Burn hours are between **8:00 AM and 4:00 PM**. Material shall not be added to the burn pile after 3:00 PM and the fire must be completely extinguished by 4:00 PM.
2. Prior to any burning, you must call the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade Fire Station at 831-667-2113 and leave a message stating the day you will be burning and the location. The call must be made each day you are burning.
3. A copy of this permit must be on site and shall be available upon request during burning operations. This permit may be revoked by fire personnel for violations of the terms and conditions of the permit.
4. Violations of any of these permit terms are a violation of California State law. (Public Resources Code 4421, 4422, 4423, and 4425). Health & Safety Code 13009 states that persons who lose control of a permitted burn may be held liable for suppression costs. A VIOLATION OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS IS A MISDEMEANOR AND CAN SUBJECT YOU TO MONETARY PENALTIES.
5. Burning shall be done ONLY when weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that it can be done safely. Remember, if your burn escapes, you may be held responsible for the cost of extinguishment.
6. Maximum burn pile size is 4 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet with at least a 10 foot clearance around the pile that is free and clear of all flammable material and vegetation.
7. A responsible person MUST be in attendance until fire is out. Never leave your fire unattended. An adequate water supply must be on hand.
8. This permit is valid for each burn season, **December 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>** on permissive burn days unless suspended by fire officials during periods of fire danger or revoked by fire personnel. Each new burn season requires a new burn permit.
9. Residential Burning is to dispose of natural vegetation originating on the property of a one or two family dwelling. Burning is not allowed on commercial property unless specifically permitted by the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade.
10. Burn only **DRY** clippings and trimmings from trees and other natural vegetation. Grass, leaves, and pine needles **shall NOT** be burned.

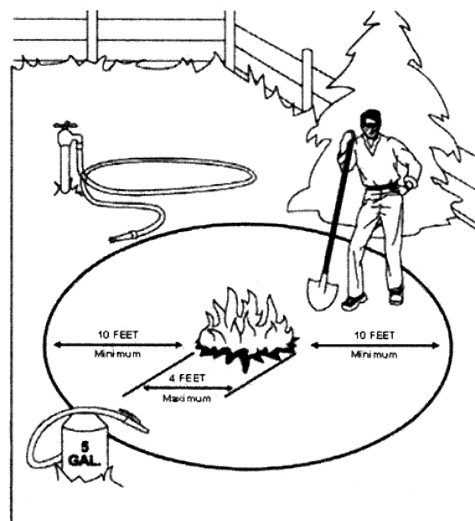
11. The hotter the fire, the less smoke there will be. Be aware of where your smoke is going. If the smoke is affecting your neighbors or creating an unsafe condition, put the fire out. **Smoke complaints may result in fire personnel revoking this permit.**
12. The use of burn barrels or incinerators is prohibited.
13. The use of any flammable or combustible liquid or substance to either ignite or sustain the fire is prohibited.
14. Residential burning is prohibited within 100 feet of any structure on an adjacent property.

*Do not complete. For use by the BSVFB.*  
 Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade Authorization:  
 Permit Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE BURNED:**

It is illegal to burn many items including, but not limited to, the following materials:

- Garbage or rubbish
- Metals of any type
- Treated or milled wood, plywood, lumber.
- Wood paneling or composite materials.
- Cardboard, paper products of any kind.
- Fabrics of any kind.
- Insulation, caulking tubes, paints or coatings.
- Construction or demolition debris.
- Furniture or any kind.
- Asphalt shingles, tar paper.
- Tires, rubber, plastics and glass.
- Grass clippings, leaves, pine needles.
- Any type of flammable or combustible liquid.
- Poison oak.



**ITEMS THAT CAN BE BURNED:**

The following items can be burned in accordance with a valid Residential Burn Permit:

- Dry tree trimmings.
- Dry plants and dry weeds.
- The material must come from property with a one or two family residence.
- Burn only dry vegetative material. It creates less smoke.

Additional information on residential burning can be found at the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District website at: [www.mbuapcd.org](http://www.mbuapcd.org) Click on “Backyard Burn Permits.”