



# Clark County Fire Prevention

*Mission Statement: "To provide the highest level of fire Protection and related services"*

**TITLE: OPEN BURNING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CLARK COUNTY**

**SCOPE:** A Fire Department permit is required to conduct open burning. This guideline sets forth requirements for obtaining an open burning permit.

**PURPOSE:** To standardize Open Burning within the jurisdiction of Clark County. This guideline is also for use in reference to agricultural burns, defined as a vegetation burn for a field used for growing crops. This pertains to rural areas of Clark County outside the Las Vegas Valley, in the course of disposing of unused portions of crops and intermingled weeds resulting from an agricultural operation.

**Open burning** is the burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit per the 2005 Clark County Fire Code, Article 2.

## SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

At the time of permit application, three (3) sets of plans, drawn to an indicated scale, must be submitted for review and approval. Permit fees for this type of submittal vary. The standard permit fee is due upon submittal. Please see the **Clark County Fire Department Permit and Service Fee Schedule** for specific information. A minimum of three sets of plans need to be submitted. Please check our website for plan status. Any additional fees will be indicated on the website. Once the plans have been approved and any outstanding fees have been paid, an inspection can be scheduled.

Our website is <http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/fire/firedept.htm>. To check on plan status, click on the "Plan Status" button and follow the instructions. To schedule an inspection, Click on "Services" in the teal strip on the top. On the left side under **Inspection** click on "Fire Inspection" and follow the instructions.

1. Permit applications are available at Clark County Fire Station #18 at 575 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. For rural areas the permit applications are available at the rural Town Board offices. Applications can be accessed at the Clark County Web site.

A scaled plan showing the location and a written description of the burning activity shall be included with the application, stating name and age of applicant/attendant, type of material to be burned, times and anticipated length of burn, fire extinguishing equipment to be used, distance between burn area from the nearest structure/building, utilities, power and telephone lines and any other combustible material that could present a hazard to life or property. These items must be included in the plans that are submitted to Clark County Fire Department for permit approval.

2. The applicant may request an annual renewable permit for vegetation burns when multiple season burns will be conducted and the burn plan does not change from the initial plan/permit submittal. Annual permits for vegetation burning will be issued for a period not to exceed one year.
3. Approval for the open burn by the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (P.O. Box 555210, Las Vegas, NV 89155-5210), must be obtained prior to burning. The applicant must contact

the DAQEM at (702) 455-5942, a minimum of (4-6) hours prior to time they would like to burn. This notification allows the DAQEM to provide the applicant with air quality conditions and assign them an approval notification number. The DAQEM number must be called in to CCFD Fire Prevention on date of burn to ensure proper notification to CCFD personnel for routing to Fire Rural Coordinators and Fire Dispatch.

4. Open burning permits are non-renewable and expire at the conclusion of the stated burn period, with the exception of voiding due to wind speed. A permit voided due to wind speed is renewable at no charge.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PERMIT:**

- A. All conditions and requirements of the Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management must be adhered to. Failure to do so will automatically void the Fire Department permit.
- B. Gasoline, kerosene, or other non-approved fuels shall not be used as an accelerant.
- C. Burning material shall be constantly attended by an adult (18 or older) who is knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment and familiar with conditions of the permit. This person shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- D. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use.
- E. Open burning shall not be conducted within one hundred (100) feet of any structure, overhead cable, or any material or object that could present a hazard to life or property due to proximity of burning.
- F. All locations for open burning shall have the address posted in an approved manner at the entrance to the property.
- G. Open burning of the following materials is prohibited: household trash, garbage, construction debris, asphalt, paper, plastic, rubber, oils, or any material that will generate noxious fumes as a product of combustion.
- H. Open burning shall not be conducted when wind speeds exceed ten (10) miles per hour. Wind speeds in excess of five miles per hour void the Fire Department permit. Should the permit become void due to wind speed, it shall be renewable at no charge.
- I. A copy of the Fire Department permit shall be maintained on site until burning is complete, and shall be available for review by the Fire Department or Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management.
- J. Further conditions or requirements specific to the burn site will be stated on the permit.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with your application, please contact the Clark County Fire Department at <http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/fire/firedept.htm>.