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- Burns for cooking or ceremonial purposes, taking place on public or private land regularly used for recreation.
- Agricultural purposes (crop, range, pasture, wildlife or watershed management), when:
 - Local fire control authority is notified (if required).
 - Burning will not create a traffic or airport safety hazard.
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- Avoid burning on cloudy or low-cloud-cover days.
- Burn in the daylight and stop adding material two hours before sunset.
- Make sure wind speeds are between 5 to 15 mph.
- Supervise the burn until the fire is completely out.
- Notify houses and businesses within 1,000 feet of a burn.
- Protect your health, pay attention to fires near you. Scan the QR code below to access the Air Now interactive fire map.

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