

BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**RULE 303 - IGNITION DEVICES AND METHODS**

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- 1 **IGNITION DEVICES:** All vegetative wastes to be burned shall be ignited only with approved ignition devices as defined in Rule 101 of these Rules and Regulations, and shall be free of tires, rubbish, tar paper, construction debris, and combustible and flammable waste. The Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) may specify the method of ignition.
- 2 **FIELD CROP IGNITION METHODS:** Rice, barley, oat and wheat straw shall be ignited only by strip firing into the wind or by backfiring except under a special permit of the Butte County Air Quality Management District issued when and where extreme fire hazards are declared by a public fire protection agency to exist, or where crops are determined by the APCO not to lend themselves to these techniques.
- 3 **RESIDENTIAL DOORYARD IGNITION METHODS:** All vegetative wastes shall be burned in the open in piles on the ground, unless exempted by Section 93113, Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations. The use of burn barrels for the burning of vegetative wastes is prohibited.