

TEHAMA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

RULE 3:6 - PREPARATION OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE

(Adopted 8/10/1971; Amended 8/4/1987, 6/19/2001)

1. Agricultural wastes to be burned shall be free of material that is not produced on the property or in an agricultural or prescribed burning operation. Material not to be burned includes, but is not limited to, tires, rubbish, plastic, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, or material containing asbestos.
2. Agricultural waste must be arranged so it will burn with a minimum of smoke to the greatest extent feasible.
3. Agricultural wastes to be burned shall be reasonably free of dirt, soil and visible moisture
4. Minimum Drying Period: Except as otherwise authorized by the Air Pollution Control Officer no person shall knowingly set or allow an open outdoor fire to burn agricultural wastes that have not been dried for a minimum period between cutting, harvesting, or removal, and burning set forth as follows:

Wood waste:

Under 6" diameter	15 days
Between 6" and 12"	30 days
Between 12" and 24"	45 days
More than 24"	60 days

Waste from field crops other than rice 7 days

1. Rice Straw Burning Requirements: All rice harvesting shall employ a mechanical straw spreader to ensure even distribution of the straw with the following exceptions:
 1. Rice straw may be left in rows provided it meets drying time criteria prior to a burn as described in section E. below.
 2. Rice straw may also be left standing provided it is dried and meets the crackle test criteria described in section E.2 below prior to burning.
5. After harvest no spread rice straw shall be burned prior to three-day drying period, and no rowed rice straw shall be, burned prior to a ten-day drying period, unless the rice straw makes an audible crackle when tested just prior to burning with the following test method:
 1. When checking the field for moisture, a composite sample, of straw from under the mat, in the center of the mat and from different areas of the field shall be

taken to insure a representative sample. A handful of straw from each area will give a good indication. Rice straw is dry enough to burn if a handful of straw selected as described above crackles when it is bent sharply.

2. After a rain exceeding 0.15 inches (fifteen hundredths of an inch), not withstanding Section E. above, rice straw shall not be burned unless the straw makes an audible crackle when tested just prior to burning with the testing method described in E.1., above.