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Where permits are allowed, the minimum requirements include:

- Garden hose on site
- Shovel on site
- 30 feet of clearance to mineral soil around pile
- Burning piles limited to 3' x 3' x 3'
- One (1) English speaking adult person in attendance
- Immediate access to a portable or cellular phone

Permittee will be given a time period in which they are allowed to burn and a telephone number to call before they begin.

For further information, contact the San Miguel Fire Prevention Bureau at (619)670-0500. Permit applications are available from the San Miguel Fire Prevention Bureau located at 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, California.

Permit Fee: \$ 71.00

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**Location.** Fires shall not be conducted within 30 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 30 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**Size.** Fires shall not be greater than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet.

**Burn Hours.** Hours of burn times change throughout the year. Call Heartland Dispatch at 619-441-1621 for burn hours prior to issuance of a permit and add the words "or as directed" next the hours of burning on the permit.

***Fire-extinguishing Equipment.*** A charged water hose or a minimum 4-A rated fire extinguisher and a shovel and phone shall be readily available for use.

***Attendance.*** Fires shall be constantly attended by an adult knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment required above. An attendant shall supervise a fire until such fire has been extinguished.

***Fuels.*** Only clean dry fuels are to be used. Paper products, construction debris and/or trash are not allowed. The fuel must be set in such a manner as not to create flying embers or create a nuisance.

***Notification.*** Call Heartland Dispatch non-emergency phone number 619-441-1621 before and after burning.

***Smoke.*** Smoke cannot create a nuisance for other residents in the neighborhood.

***Discontinuance.*** The fire department is authorized to require that fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

***Fees:*** \$71.00