



FROM THE AIR PROGRAM

FIRE SEASON IS UPON US! BURN PERMITS...



As many of you know, the Bishop Tribe's Air Program provides burn permits to Tribal members. These per-

mits are valid for a calendar year and expire on December 31st.

THE RULES FOR BURNING ARE

-  you must have a burn permit
-  it must be a "yes" burn day
-  burning may occur only from 5:00AM to noon
-  burning is restricted to yard waste in 4-foot by 4-foot piles
-  small plots of grass or strips of grass along fence lines
-  cardboard and non-glossy paper in burn barrels
-  call dispatch before you burn

WHERE DO THESE REGULATIONS COME FROM?...

The short answer is that they are to protect health and safety... and the long answer?

IN THE WINTER: we have "no" burn days when the barometric pressure is high. These are cold, clear days when the smoke stays around. You can identify them by looking out your window. The smoke from your neighbor's woodstove will be streaming out horizontally. This means that the smoke tends to hang around for you to breathe. So "no" burn days are designed to keep the air cleaner and healthier.

IN THE SUMMER: why do we have so many "no" burn days in a row? At this time of year the reason is fire safety. When fuel moisture gets dangerously low, even the smallest spark can ignite a large fire that will spread rapidly. The Tribe follows Bishop Fire Department and Cal Fire here.

5:00AM until NOON: in the Owens Valley, the winds typically pick up in the afternoon, making it possible for even a small fire to get out of control. In addition, if you put your fire out by noon, but have a flare up, it will happen during daylight hours when you can more easily manage it.

THE RULES FOR OPEN BURNING ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY.

HELP PROTECT AIR QUALITY AND BE FIRE SAFE!

MORE QUESTIONS? Stop by the Environmental Management Office or call the Air Quality Specialist at 760 873 7845.