

SMOKE-FREE BURN PILE TUTORIAL

Amador Fire Safe Council 2015



First things, first:

Call the Burn Line Information, 209-223-6246. Listen to the entire message.

Check the weather report for wind forecasts in your area

Ensure that you have set aside a window of time to devote your undivided attention to your burn pile

Have your permits current



Gather your
tools:
charged hose with
sprayer
rake, fork, shovel,
pruners
telephone
gloves
water, snacks for you
lighter or matches



Gather supplementary fuels in addition to your pine needles –

pine cones & sticks work well; Bark does not



Sticks for supplementary fuel



Gather and burn only DRY pine needles
do not rake to bare soil - leave a layer
of duff



- * Select an open space near water
- * Look up – stay away from overhanging branches
- * Rake a 20 foot diameter clearance down to bare mineral soil



Prepare to light:
paper grocery bag
+ newspaper

**NO NEED FOR
GASOLINE**



Add sticks to get going, then add pine needles one fork at a time

Wear protective clothing – cotton, long sleeves, long pants, shoes, gloves



Keep it hot !

Stay with fire, continue to add
needles and sticks, lift with fork and
get oxygen to fire
Stay within the 4-foot boundary



Stir to reduce smoke and monitor till out



Minimal smoke output

