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