

When do I need to check with the Air District?

Many projects do not require a permit from the Air District. The following information is provided to help you determine whether your project may be exempt from Air District permit requirements. The list is not exhaustive. If you have any doubts or questions about whether your project is exempt, please call the Air District at (831) 647-9411, and an engineer will be happy to answer your questions.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE GENERALLY EXEMPT FROM REQUIRING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AIR DISTRICT:

1. Residential
2. Food Preparation at Restaurants and for Personal Consumption
3. Agriculture Operations for Growing Crops or Raising Animals
(Engines 50 hp and Greater Must be Registered)
4. Refrigeration Equipment and Small Cooling Towers.
5. Small Internal Combustion Engines
6. All portable engines that have been registered by the State
7. Space Heaters and Small Natural Gas-fired Boilers (under 2 million BTU/Hr.)
8. Sheet Fed Printing Presses
9. Small Crucible Furnaces
10. Portable Power Tools (used in woodworking)
11. Some Natural Gas Ceramic Kilns
12. Some Metal Forging Operations & Die Casting Machines
13. Some Photographic Development & Printing Equipment
14. Welding & Soldering Equipment
15. Diesel Storage Tanks
16. Gasoline Storage Tanks (less than 250 gallons)

Many projects are exempt from permitting requirements, but it is better to be safe than sorry. If you have any questions about whether your project requires a permit from the Air District, please call (831) 647-9411 and ask to speak to an engineer.