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Residential Burn Permits Will Be Suspended June 17th in Butte County

Butte County- Recent warm temperatures and winds have dried out the abundant annual grass crop. The increased fire danger has prompted CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area and the unincorporated Local Responsibility Areas of Butte County. This suspension takes effect Monday, June 17, 2019, at 6:00 am and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

“Last year was a devastating reminder that the public cannot let their guard down,” said Chief Thom Porter, CAL FIRE director. “Together, we must adapt and evolve to be able to withstand the intensity of these fires, keeping in mind, the only way to mitigate the damage they cause is through preparation. The dry, hot weather that fueled the massive fires last year will return again this year, so it is up to the public to be ready.”

Since January 1, 2019, CAL FIRE and firefighters across the state have responded to more than 1,350 wildfires. While outdoor burning of landscape debris by homeowners is no longer allowed, CAL FIRE is asking residents to take that extra time to ensure they are prepared for wildfires by maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of Defensible Space around every home and building on their property and being prepared to evacuate if the time comes.

“Even without the benefits of burning, and the risks that go along with it as the temperature heats up and humidity falls, there is much you can do as a resident to give yourself and your belongings the best chance to survive a wildfire,” said Butte Unit Chief David Hawks.

Here are some tips to help prepare homes and property:

- Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures.
- Landscape with fire resistant plants and non-flammable ground cover.
- Find alternate ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility.

The department may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health and safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training, and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit.

The suspension of burn permits for residential landscape debris does not apply to campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property. Campfires may be permitted if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland. A campfire permit can be obtained at local fire stations or online at PreventWildfireCA.org.

For additional information on how to create Defensible Space, on how to be prepared for wildfires, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit ReadyForWildfire.org.

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