



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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NEWS RELEASE

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Butte County Burn Suspension Lifted

Butte County-- Effective Thursday November 3rd at 8 am the burn permit suspension in Butte County will be lifted. CAL FIRE Butte Unit Chief Garrett Sjolund is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Agriculture burns and other burns may require an inspection by CAL FIRE prior to burning, until the end of fire season. This can be verified by contacting the Butte County Air Quality Management District. All residential burn permits are issued annually and can be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of the declared fire season. Cooler temperatures, higher humidities and the chance of winter weather have begun to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and always maintain control of the fire. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burning onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. Visit bcaqmd.org or call 855-332-9406 (agricultural) or 855-332-9407 (residential) for burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations.

Residential Pile Burning Requirements

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby.
- An adult is required to be always in attendance of the fire.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, Federal, and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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