

# CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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### Burn Permits Required May 1

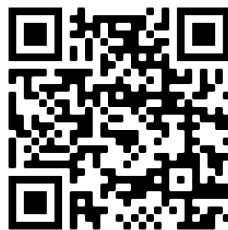
**Butte County-** Beginning **Saturday, May 1, 2021**, all Butte County residents planning to burn dooryard debris will be required to possess a valid fire department-issued burn permit. Burn permits are free, and may be obtained online at [burnpermit.fire.ca.gov](http://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov).

“We encourage residents to burn as soon as possible,” says Fire Chief John Messina. “Due to dry conditions and this year’s fire potential, we will likely suspend burning earlier than the usual June 30 date.”

During the permit period, May 1 until the date burning is suspended, residential burning rules are the same throughout the county **except** in the following areas:

- **City of Oroville:** Permits required year-round. Burn hours and locations determined seasonally by jurisdiction
- **City of Chico:** No burning allowed year-round
- **Town of Paradise:** Burn permits are required and must be purchased online at [www.townofparadise.com](http://www.townofparadise.com). If internet is not an option, you can obtain a burn permit at Station 81 during office hours: 8am to 5pm. Burning is typically suspended June 1st each year until the fall – during CAL FIRE declared Fire Season.

All the regulations for burning can be viewed by scanning the QR Code below, or by visiting [www.buttecounty.net/fire](http://www.buttecounty.net/fire) and clicking the orange “CAN I BURN TODAY?” button. Note the change in allowed burn hours during the permit period. Starting May 1, burning is allowed from 6:00 am to 11:00 am on **Permissible Burn Days** as reported on the Butte County Air Quality Management District website ([bcaqmd.org](http://bcaqmd.org)) or by calling 530-332-9407.



Scan here for Butte County  
burning regulations



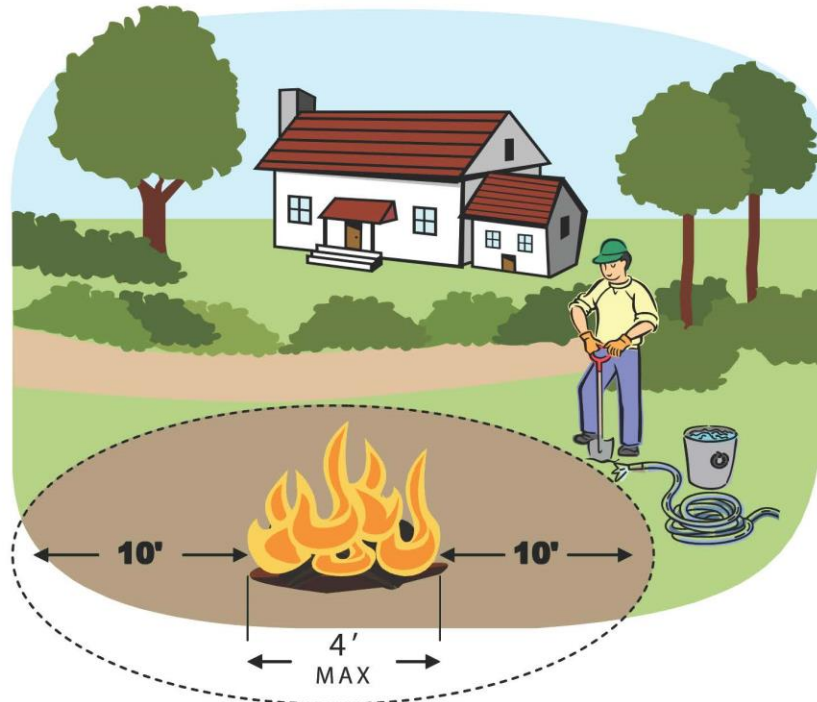
# Debris Burning

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The following are burning permit requirements:

For burning debris in small 4-foot x 4-foot piles:

- Maximum pile size 4 foot in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10-feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply close to the burning site.
- An adult should be in attendance with a shovel until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.



No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences. Dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property can still be burned outdoors in open piles, unless prohibited by local ordinances. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days. Burn permits are only valid on "Permissive Burn Days" as determined by the State Air Resources Board or the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

**Violations Of Any Burning Permit Terms Are A Violation Of State Law**

(Public Resources Code 4421, 4422, 4423 And 4425)

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