



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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Butte County Burn Suspension to Be Lifted

Butte County- Effective Friday, October 22, 2021 at 8:00 am, the burn permit suspension in Butte County will be lifted. CAL FIRE Butte Unit Chief John Messina is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of the declared fire season. Burn permits can be obtained online at burnpermit.fire.ca.gov.

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 maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissible 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.

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 in attendance of the fire at all times.

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.



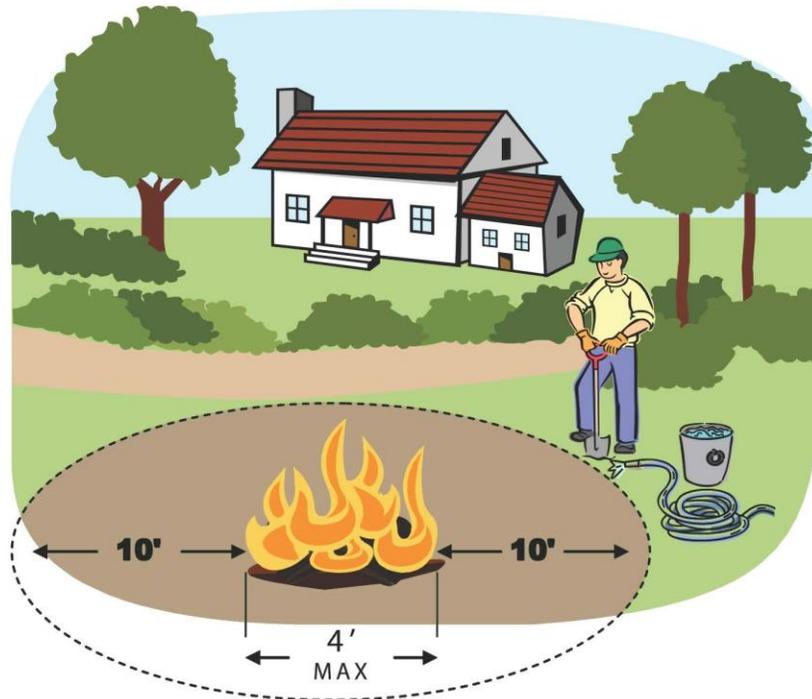
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The following are burning permit requirements:

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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