

CAL FIRE moves to online burn permits

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CAL FIRE has transitioned to a new online process to obtain burn permits.

Burn permits are required in the CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit each year beginning May 1st for those in State Responsibility Areas. With this new program, there are several changes the public or organizations wishing to burn need to know.

- Burn permits are available online at: www.burnpermit.fire.ca.gov
- All applications for burn permits must be submitted online.
 - o Anyone without internet access may contact their nearest CAL FIRE station for assistance.
- The North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) requires its own separate permit. These are required year-round and are available online at www.ncuaqmd.org
- Those burning under a NCUAQMD residential burn permit will now need to also obtain a CAL FIRE residential burn permit (LE-62A). Previously the Humboldt –Del Norte Unit accepted the air quality residential permit as its own.
- Residential burn permits may be obtained at the time of the online application. Other permit types may require site visits to determine or ensure adequate safety precautions are in place.

- Those wishing to conduct General Burning projects will require an LE-5 application. This includes larger pile burning and hazardous project work. Applications should be submitted at least ten days prior to the intended project start date to allow for application review and site visits as needed.
- Those wishing to conduct Broadcast Burning projects will require an LE-7/8 application. This includes prescribed fire type projects. Applications should be submitted at least ten days prior to the intended project start date to allow for application review and site visit.
- There is no fee associated with CAL FIRE burn permits, however, burning without a permit, failing to follow burn permit terms and conditions, or allowing a fire to escape control could result in criminal or civil penalties.
- The CAL FIRE burn permits are available year-round; however, they are not required in the Humboldt – Del Norte Unit until May 1st of each year.