

CAL FIRE Del Norte Unit lifts burn permit requirement

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Due to current forest fuel conditions, and with recent and forecasted rain, the CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit is lifting its requirement for residents to possess a burn permit. This was effective November 14. This applies to residents within state responsibility Areas of Humboldt, Del Norte, and Western Trinity counties. An appropriate burn permit from the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) is required year-round.

CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit Chief Kurt McCray would like to remind the public to take advantage of the cooler weather to complete landscape debris burning projects and improve defensible space around homes and other structures.

During these cooler, wetter months, CAL FIRE will also be working on fire prevention and fuels reduction projects to reduce the threat of wildfire. CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit employees will continue fuels reduction projects. Reduction of vegetative fuels reduces the impact of large, destructive wildfires, promotes forest health, and improves public and fire fighter safety.

As residents conduct outdoor burning, CAL FIRE cautions the public to do so in a safe manner. Escaped debris burns can still ignite wildfires throughout the year during periods of relatively warm, dry weather. Before burning, ensure proper air quality permits are obtained, ensure it is a permissive burn day, and follow

all permit conditions. Ensure vegetative debris piles are no larger than allowed by permit, provide at least 10-feet of clearance to bare mineral soil around the pile, and always have a responsible adult present with a tool and adequate water supply.

CAL FIRE also reminds the public to ensure proper notifications are made prior to burning. This prevents unnecessary response by firefighters.

For more safe burning tips, visit: www.readyforwildfire.org

For Air Quality information, visit: www.ncuaqmd.org