

Outdoor burning now allowed with CAL-FIRE permit

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Effective October 28, the burn permit suspension in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Western Trinity counties was lifted. CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit Chief Kurt McCray formally canceled 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 may be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns.

CAL FIRE burn permits (LE-5 or LE-7) will be required until hazardous fire conditions have abated. This applies only to those with a Non-Standard permit from air quality. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and the chance of winter weather have helped to begin 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.

North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (AQMD) burn permits are required year-round. To obtain an AQMD permit, call (707) 443-3093.

Pile Burning Requirements

- Must have a valid AQMD permit prior to burning and only burn on permissive burn days. Those with Non-Standard AQMD permits are also required to have a CAL FIRE LE-5 burn permit.
- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood, dimensional lumber or other debris is not allowed.
- Do NOT burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than what is allowed by permit. You can add to pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter area 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 vegetation 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.