

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Burn Permit Suspension Lifted in Sonoma, Lake, Napa and Solano Counties

St. Helena – Effective Monday, 11/23/2020 at 8:00 am the burn permit suspension in Sonoma, Lake, Napa and Solano Counties will be lifted. CAL FIRE Sonoma Lake Napa Unit Chief Shana Jones is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises those possessing valid CAL FIRE and air quality burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Burn piles larger than 4'x4' or broadcast burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Contact your local CAL FIRE station to request an inspection.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity's 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 criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and burn onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.

Northern Sonoma County - Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District you may call (707) 433-5911

Lake County - Lake County Air Quality Management District you may call (707) 263-7000

Solano County - Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District you may call (530) 757-3660

Southern Sonoma County and Napa County - Bay Area Air Quality Management District you may call (415) 749-5000

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 obtaining a CAL FIRE burn permit visit: <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

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