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CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Allows Residential Burning With Valid Burn Permit

FELTON – Recent rains and cooler temperatures across the region have lowered the threat of wildfires allowing CAL FIRE’s San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit to cancel the suspension of residential backyard burning that became effective May 16, 2022. This transition will occur at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Residents wishing to burn **MUST** obtain the necessary burn permit through their local Air Resources District and verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. Agriculture burns and hazard reduction burns within the State Responsibility Area must be inspected by CAL FIRE and a proper CAL FIRE burn permit must be obtained prior to burning.

CAL FIRE will continue to monitor weather conditions closely and will maintain the ability to suspend residential burning once again should weather and fuel moisture conditions become unfavorable.

For more information on the different types of burn permits and to verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning in your area, you may find information at:

<https://www.mbard.org/open-burning> for Santa Cruz County, and <https://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/open-burn> for San Mateo County

For more information on residential burning and ways to burn safely visit <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>.

Please note that online CAL FIRE burn permits are not yet available for San Mateo or Santa Cruz Counties at the above site. For burns requiring a CAL FIRE burn permit you will need to contact your local CAL FIRE station.

For additional information on preventing wildfires, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

