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PRESS RELEASE

Riverside County Fire Chief Lifts Suspension on Open Burning and Closure of Hazardous Hiking Areas

Release Date: November 2, 2026

Perris, CA — Effective Monday, November 2, 2026, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief Robert Fish is lifting the burn permit suspension and reopening designated Hazardous Hiking Areas throughout Riverside County. Residents with valid agricultural and residential burn permits may resume burning on permissible burn days. Agricultural burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of peak fire season.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and recent rainfall have helped reduce wildfire danger. Residents conducting permitted burns are reminded to follow all regulations and maintain control of their fires. Individuals may be held civilly and/or criminally liable for fires that escape their control.

"Improved weather conditions allow us to resume permitted burning and reopen our Hazardous Hiking Areas. However, wildfire remains a year-round threat, and we encourage everyone to remain vigilant and practice fire safety," said Fire Chief Robert Fish.

Open burn permits are required in Riverside County. Residents MUST verify that it is a permissible burn day before burning by contacting the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) at 866-966-3293 or visiting its website for burn status updates.

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Pile Burning Requirements:

- Residential burning in not permitted in Riverside County, except for tumbleweeds
- Burning trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed
- Do NOT burn on windy days
- Piles should be no larger than three feet high by two feet wide
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles
- Have a shovel and water source nearby
- An adult is required to always be in attendance of the fire

State, Federal and Local land management and fire agencies will also utilize this window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns to improve forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

For questions regarding permitted burning in Riverside County or about this press release, please contact the Public Affairs and Community Education Bureau at (951) 940-6985.

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