



# SONOMA-LAKE-NAPA UNIT NEWS RELEASE

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## Are You Doing the Right Thing, The Wrong Way?

**St Helena** – CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit would like to remind everyone that dry grasses and dry vegetation is extremely flammable. Lawn mowers, weed-eaters, chain saws, grinders, welders, tractors, and trimmers can all spark a wildland fire. Do your part, the right way, to keep your community FIRE SAFE.

Here's how to do it the right way: <https://youtu.be/f4w74Q6G5Hk>

### Mowing

Mow before 10 a.m., but never when it's windy or excessively hot and dry. Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass. Metal blades striking rocks can create sparks and start fires. Use caution.

### Spark Arresters

In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline-powered equipment. This includes tractors, harvesters, chainsaws, weed-eaters, and mowers.

- Keep the exhaust system, spark arresters and mower in proper working order and free of carbon buildup.
- Use the recommended grade of fuel and don't top it off.



**“ONE LESS SPARK = ONE LESS FIRE.”**

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