CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Lifting of the Burn Permit Suspension

St Helena – Effective Monday, October 13, 2025, at 8:00 am, the burn permit suspension in the counties of Colusa, Lake, Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo will be lifted. CAL FIRE LNU Unit Chief Matt Ryan is formally canceling 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 must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agricultural burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District. For Lake County residents, in addition to obtaining a CAL FIRE burn permit online, you must also obtain a permit through the Lake County Air Quality Management District website. For Marin County residents, you must obtain a permit through the Marin County Vegetation Management website

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 must use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals may be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

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

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Marin, Napa, Southern Sonoma County): 1-877-466-2876
- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District: 707-565-2876
- Lake County Air Quality Management District: 707-994-4444
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District: 530-757-3660
- Colusa County Air Pollution Control District: 530-458-0581

Remember to notify CAL FIRE LNU before burning within the Counties of Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo by calling 707-963-4112, along with your local dispatch center for the county you live in. Before burning within Marin County, contact the Marin County Emergency Command Center at (415) 472-0911.

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 the 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 may 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.

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