



# CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Burn Permits Required May 1

**Butte County-** Beginning **Friday, May 1, 2025**, all Butte County residents planning to burn yard waste on their property will be required to have a burn permit in their possession. For those living in unincorporated areas of the county, free permits can be obtained online at [burnpermit.fire.ca.gov](http://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov).

**Only natural materials grown on a given property may be burned on the property.** All local burning regulations can be viewed by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting [buttecounty.net/fire](http://buttecounty.net/fire) and clicking the “Burning” tab. Note the change in allowed burn hours during the permit period. Beginning May 1, burning is allowed between 6:00 am and 11:00 am on **Permissible Burn Days** as reported on the Butte County Air Quality Management District [website](#) or by calling 530-332-9407.

During the permit period, May 1 until the date burning is suspended, residential burning rules are consistent throughout the county **except** in the following areas:

- **City of Oroville:** Permits required year-round. Burn hours and locations determined seasonally by jurisdiction
- **City of Chico:** Burning is not allowed at any time
- **Town of Paradise:** Permits required year-round; must be purchased online at [townofparadise.com](http://townofparadise.com)
- **Cities of Gridley and Biggs:** Permits required year-round. Must be obtained at the fire stations

“Burning yard waste is an effective way to remove fire fuel from your property,” says CAL FIRE Butte County Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund. “By following our guidelines, burning can be done safely and effectively.”



**Residential Burning Rules**



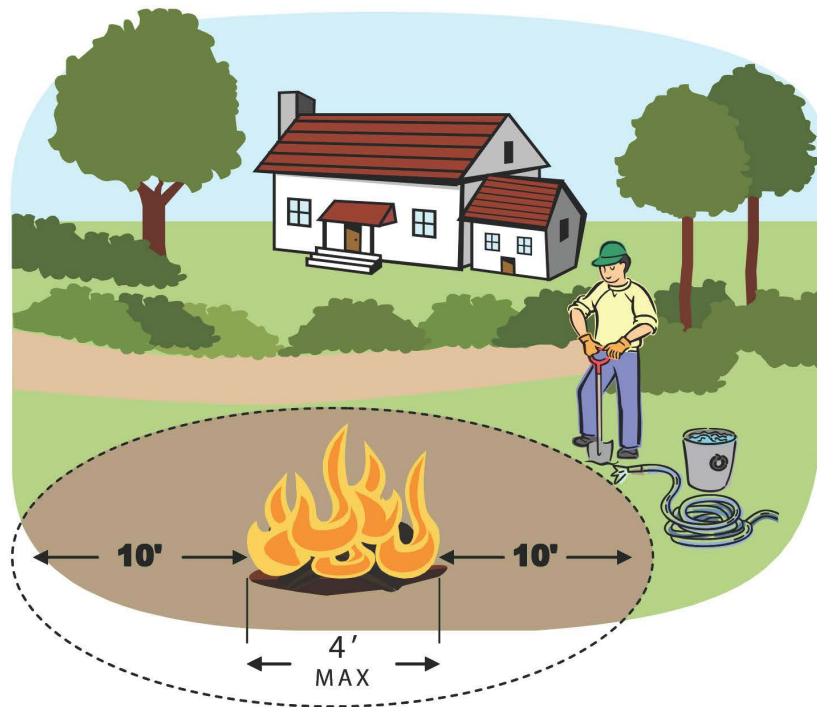
# Debris Burning

## Debris Burning

The following are burning permit requirements:

For burning debris in small 4-foot x 4-foot piles:

- Maximum pile size 4 foot in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10-feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply close to the burning site.
- An adult should be in attendance with a shovel until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.



No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences. Dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property can still be burned outdoors in open piles, unless prohibited by local ordinances. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days. Burn permits are only valid on "Permissive Burn Days" as determined by the State Air Resources Board or the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

**Violations Of Any Burning Permit Terms Are A Violation Of State Law**

(Public Resources Code 4421, 4422, 4423 And 4425)

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