



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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NEWS RELEASE

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Butte County Burn Suspension Lifted

Butte County-- Effective Monday, October 13th at 8 am, the burn permit suspension in Butte County will be lifted. County and Unit Chief Garrett Sjolund is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. This can be verified by contacting the Butte County Air Quality Management District. All burn permits are issued annually and can be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>. Permitted burning hours are from 6 am to 11 am.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of the declared fire season. "Residents of Butte County that opt for debris burning should choose to emphasize establishing defensible space around their homes, while also diligently clearing any fire-prone vegetation along escape routes," stated County and Unit Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund. Property owners and residents are asked to exercise caution when conducting debris burns, follow all guidelines provided, and always maintain control of the fire. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burning onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissible burn day before burning.

Visit <https://bcaqmd.org/> or call 855-332-9407 (residential) or 855-332-9406 (agricultural) for burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations.

Residential 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 shall not be 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 always required to be in attendance of the fire.

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 will 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.

QR Codes to Links

CAL FIRE Burn Permits
<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>



Butte County Air Quality Management District
<https://bcaqmd.org/>



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