

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Solano, Yolo, Colusa Counties Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

St. Helena-Effective Monday November 26, 2018 at 8:00 am the burn permit suspension in Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Solano, Yolo and Colusa counties will be lifted. CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Shana Jones is formally cancelling 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. Any burns larger than 4 foot by 4 foot piles must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of declared fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

Contact your local CAL FIRE station to obtain a burn permit. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity's and winter weather have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can 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.

Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District you may call (707) 565-2876

Lake County Air Quality Management District you may call (707) 263-3121

Napa County Air Pollution District you may call (415) 749-5000

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District you may call (530) 757-3660

Colusa County Air Pollution Control District you may call (530) 458-0581

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 pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10 foot line 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 will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.