

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## Sonoma Lake Napa Unit

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### **AMENDED - CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit**

## **Transitions to Winter Preparedness – CAL FIRE Burn Permits No Longer Required**

**St Helena, CA** – Recent rains and cooler temperatures across the region have lowered the threat of wildfires allowing CAL FIRE’s Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit to transition to winter preparedness effective December 1 at 08:00 a.m. in Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Colusa, Yolo, and Solano Counties. This transition allows CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Shana Jones to formally lift the requirement on CAL FIRE Permits needed for burning. Residents wishing to burn **MUST** verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Shana Jones would like to remind residents that 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.

The 2021 fire season has been extremely active, with the over 2.5 million acres burned and more than 8,300 wildfires across California. During the cooler winter months, CAL FIRE will continue to actively focus efforts on fire prevention through public education, prescribed burns, and various types of fuel reduction activities. CAL FIRE will also continue to monitor weather conditions closely and will maintain the ability to increase staffing should weather conditions change or if there is a need to support wildfires or other emergencies in other areas of the State.

### **To obtain an air quality burn permit contact these agencies:**

- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (707) 433-5911
- Bay Area Air Pollution Control District (415) 749-5000
- Colusa County Air Pollution Control District you may call (530) 458-0581
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District you may call (530) 757-3660

For more on residential burning and ways to burn safely visit <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>.

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