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Burn permit suspension to be lifted in Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties

ST. HELENA, Calif. – Effective Monday, Oct. 23, 2023 at 8 a.m., the burn permit suspension in Colusa, Lake, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo counties will be lifted.

The burn permit suspension in Napa County will be lifted on Monday, Nov. 6.

CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Mike Marcucci is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning after these dates for the respective counties 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 agriculture burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

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 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 707-565-2876

Bay Area Air Pollution Control District 800-792-0787

Lake County Air Quality Management District 707-263-7000

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 information on burn permits for Lake County, please visit the South Lake County Fire Protection District website at <https://www.southlakecountyfire.org/home/permits/>.

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 diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby.
- An adult is required to be in attendance at the fire at all times.

Visit <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/> to learn more or to apply for a permit.

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.

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