



# CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CAL FIRE Ends Residential Burn Permit Requirements for Winter**

**Butte County-** Recent rains and cooler temperatures across the region have lowered the threat of wildfires allowing CAL FIRE's Butte Unit to lift the requirements of a CAL FIRE permit for residential dooryard burning. Open burning took effect Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Agriculture burns may require an inspection and/or permit by CAL FIRE prior to burning. This can be verified by contacting the Butte County Air Quality Management District.

**Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.** Visit [bcaqmd.org](http://bcaqmd.org) or call 855-332-9406 (agricultural) or 855-332-9407 (residential) for burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations.

Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting pile burning or agriculture 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 burn onto neighboring property.

#### **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 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 of the fire at all times.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. These winter months are the ideal time to burn landscape debris as part of your Defensible Space Strategy. State, Federal, and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this winter as an opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

CAL FIRE will continue to preserve staffing to meet any potential threat, as well as maintaining the ability to strategically move resources to areas that remain at a higher danger level. CAL FIRE will also continue to monitor weather conditions closely and can increase staffing should weather conditions change or if there is a need to support wildfires or other emergencies in the State.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).



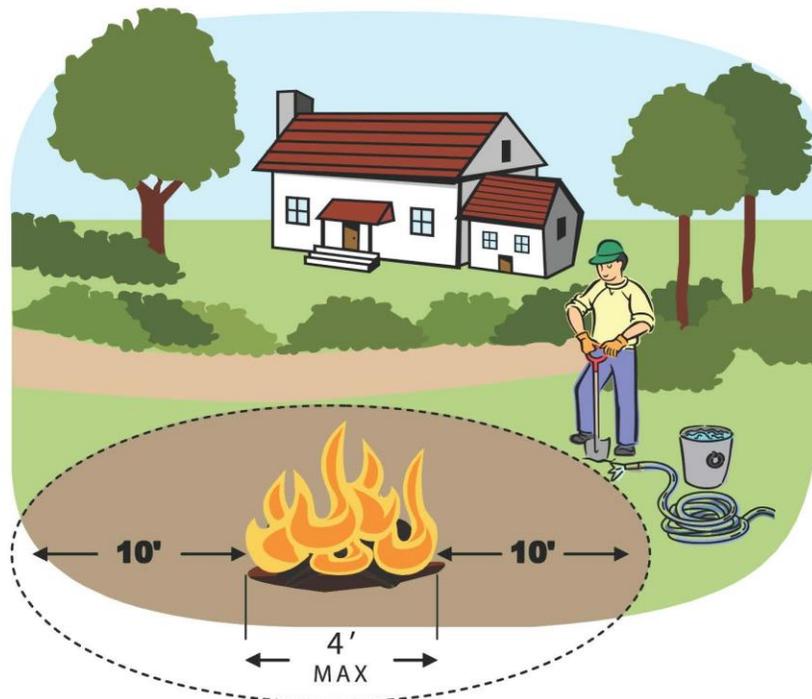
# Debris Burning

## 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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