



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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RESIDENTIAL BURNING GUIDELINES FOR BUTTE COUNTY

CAL FIRE has suspended all residential burn permits in Butte County. Effective June 26, 2023, residential dooryard burning is no longer allowed in all State Responsibility Areas and unincorporated areas. In Butte County, the only places residential burning is currently allowed is within the city limits of Gridley and Biggs (see regulations below).

The following document lists residential burning guidelines throughout the year in Butte County:

It must be a permissible burn day. Burn day status is determined by Butte County Air Quality Management District for all areas of Butte County. Visit bcaqmd.org or call 530-332-9407 or toll free 855-332-9407.

Residential Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of Butte County

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department Burn Permits required on or before May 1 each year

- Burn hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 am each permissible burn day
- 4' x 4' pile maximum size
- 10' clearance to soil surrounding pile
- Adult must be in attendance
- Must have means to extinguish pile: garden hose, bucket of water or tool
- Only vegetative waste grown on property may be burned, vegetation must be dry

After the lifting of the burn suspension until the end of declared fire season

- Burn permits are required.
- Burn hours are 8:45 am to 1 hour before sunset. Burn day status is available at 8:30 am daily.
- All other regulations are the same as above

No Permit required after the end of declared fire season in the winter months

- Burn hours are 8:45 am to 1 hour before sunset. Burn day status is available at 8:30 am daily.
- If the homeowner lives on a lot equal to or less than 1 acre, burn piles can only be 4' x 4' in size. Lots larger than 1 acre can have burn piles larger than 4' x 4' in size.
- All other regulations are the same as above

Residential Burning in the Upper Ridge/Magalia (Unincorporated Area of Butte County)

- Burning is allowed in the Upper Ridge/Magalia Area on all lots greater than one acre in size on any permissible burn day.
- Burning on a lot smaller than one acre in size shall only be conducted by zone from January – June
 - **North** of Wycliff Way/Perry Road the 1st through the 15th of each permissible month
 - **South** of Wycliff way/Perry Road the 16th through the end of each permissible month

Residential Burning in the Town of Paradise

- Within the Town of Paradise burn permits are required and can be purchased online at: <https://www.townofparadise.com/fire/faq/when-residential-burning-allowed-and-what-can-i-burn>
- Burn hours are 8:45 am to dusk each permissible burn day, 6' x 6' pile maximum size
- Burning is typically suspended June 1st each year until the fall – during CAL FIRE declared Fire Season

Residential Burning in the City of Biggs

Within the city limits of Biggs burn permits are required year-round. Within the city limits residents can burn all year on permissible burn days. Residents outside of city limits must follow the rules for the unincorporated areas of Butte County.

Between the dates of May 1st and October 31st

- **Burn hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 am each permissible burn day**

Between the dates of November 1st and April 30th

- Burn hours are 6:00 am to 2:00 pm each permissible burn day

Residential Burning in the City of Gridley

Within the city limits of Gridley burn permits are required year-round. Within the city limits residents can burn all year on permissive burn days. Residents outside of city limits must follow the rules for the unincorporated areas of Butte County.

Between the dates of May 1st and October 31st

- **Burn hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 am each permissible burn day**

Between the dates of November 1st and April 30th

- Burn hours are 6:00 am to 5:00 pm each permissible burn day

Residential Burning in the City of Oroville

Burn Permits required year-round, burn hours and locations determined seasonally by jurisdiction.

Residential Burning in the City of Chico

Burning is always prohibited, regardless of lot size, within the Chico city limits.

Residential Burning in the unincorporated areas of the Chico Sphere of Influence

Burning is only allowed on residential lots that are at least 0.90 acre in size.

Permits Required May 1 or sooner

- Burn hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 am each permissible burn day

After the burn suspension is lifted in the fall or winter, Burn Permits are still required until the end of declared fire season.

- Burn hours are 8:45 am to one hour before sunset. Burn day status is posted by the Butte County Air Quality Management District at 8:30 am each day