
CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit



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Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

San Andreas – Effective Friday, October 28, 2016 at 8 a.m. the burn permit suspension in Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit (TCU) of CAL FIRE will be lifted, which will affect State Responsibility Areas within Tuolumne County, Calaveras County, Eastern Stanislaus County and Eastern San Joaquin County. CAL FIRE TCU Unit Chief, Josh White, is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of fire season. While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, California is still in the fifth year of drought. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris burns. Always use caution when burning, 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.

It is your responsibility to check burn day status by calling your local Air Pollution Control District with jurisdiction over your area.

Calaveras County: 209/754-6600
Tuolumne County: 209/533-5598
San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties: 877/429-2876

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. 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.

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