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CAL FIRE suspends burn permits for North Bay counties

ST. HELENA, Calif. – With a recent increase in fire activity, higher temperatures, lower fuel moistures and minimal precipitation in the forecast, the extreme threat of wildfire impacting life, property, or natural resources is observable. The increasing fire danger posed by these conditions in the region is prompting CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Areas of Colusa, Lake, Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo counties.

This suspension takes effect Monday, June 15 at 8 a.m., and suspends all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

For Lake County, an annual burn ban is implemented each year by the Lake County Air Quality Management District beginning on May 1. Information on Marin County's residential burning process can be found by visiting them online at [Apply for a Pile Burn Permit | Marin County](#).

While outdoor burning of landscape debris by homeowners is no longer allowed, CAL FIRE is asking residents to take that extra time to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires. Here are some tips to help prepare homes and property:

- Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures.
- Landscape with fire resistant plants and non-flammable ground cover.
- Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility

The department may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health and safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit.

Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property that are otherwise permitted will be allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland and other private property. A campfire permit can be obtained at local fire stations or online at PreventWildfireCA.org.

For additional information on how to create defensible space, on how to be prepared for wildfires, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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