

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



*Information affecting
Mendocino Unit, San Mateo/Santa Cruz Unit, Santa Clara Unit and
Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit*

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May 1ST BURN PERMITS REQUIRED

St. Helena – Commencing May 1st, 2015 the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will require a burn permit for any outdoor open burning in State Responsibility Areas (SRA) in the following CAL FIRE Units:

- Mendocino
- San Mateo - Santa Cruz
- Santa Clara - serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and areas west of I-5 in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties
- Sonoma-Lake-Napa - serving Sonoma, Lake, Napa and portions of Solano, Yolo, and Colusa counties.

State Responsibility Areas are generally the unincorporated, rural, grass, brush and timber covered lands.

Individuals who conduct open burning must keep the fire size within the issued permit requirements, at all times. All open burning permit requirements include continual monitoring of the fire by an adult, a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet to bare mineral soil around the fire, adequate control resources (tools, water, etc.) and do not burn on a windy day. Failure to maintain control of an open fire will result in the permit being voided and the permit holder charged with the possibility of being responsible for fire suppression cost, civil damages and fines. Our debris burning safety video can be viewed at:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_protection/fire_protection_burnpermits.php

https://www.youtube.com/v/_lJU5lJhmc

CAL FIRE burn permits are in addition to any air quality control district and local fire agency permits. CAL FIRE Chiefs remind local residents "Open burning requires local landowners, to do their due diligences to insure they are meeting all conditions set forth by authorizing agencies prior to conducting an open burn". For more information on burn permits or wildland fire safety, residents can contact their local CAL FIRE facility www.fire.ca.gov