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Mendocino County Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

Willits— Effective Saturday, October 22nd^t, 2016 at 12:01 A.M. the burn permit suspension in Mendocino County will be lifted. CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher P. Rowney is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissive burn days.

While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, we are still in our fifth year of drought. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, 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.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of fire season. **Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.** Recorded Burn Day status is available 24/7 on the Burn Information Line at (707) 463-4391. The 2016 Fire Season has not yet been declared closed, so burn permits are still required. Residents who obtained a CAL FIRE burn permit last spring are advised to check the date on their permit to ensure it is still valid. Burn permits can be obtained at CAL FIRE's Howard Forest Headquarters (707-459-7414) 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday or at your local CAL FIRE facility.

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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