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Local Burn Ban Lifted

Felton – Following recent rain, CAL FIRE’s San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit has lifted the suspension of burning within State Responsibility Area (SRA) in San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties **effective Monday November 20, 2017**.

While cooler temperatures and significant recent rainfall have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, residents are asked to use caution while conducting open burns. Burn permits may be required for all burning projects and must be completed between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm. Residents must follow burning requirements and maintain control of their fire at all times. Property owners and contractors may be held liable if a fire escapes their control and/or burns the property of a neighbor.

Keep in mind that the **Backyard Burn Period** (Santa Cruz County only) doesn’t begin till **December 1, 2017**.

Standard Burning Guidelines

- Only dry, natural, vegetative material that originated on the property may be burned. Burning household garbage is **NOT** allowed.
- Keep piles small, generally less than 5’ in diameter.
- Provide clearance around the pile that is ten (10) feet in diameter by removing all material that will burn, down to bare mineral soil.
- Have a water source on hand such as a charged garden hose or a minimum of a five (5) gallon backpack, pump type water extinguisher.
- Responsible adult needs to be in attendance at all times.
- **NEVER** burn on windy days.

Contact your nearest CAL FIRE station and/or local fire department to acquire the proper burn permit. Residents can confirm the burn day status by calling 1-800-CAL-BURN. For information on complying with air quality rules regulating open burning, the public should review the appropriate Air District website for information on Burn Day status, burn allocations and Air Quality regulations **prior to scheduling a burn**.

- For Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District’s website go to: <http://www.mbuapcd.org/>
- For the San Francisco Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s website go to: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/>

Keep in mind, now is the time to start preparing your defensible space around your home for next year’s fire season.

For more information on how to safely burn outdoors visit: www.PreventWildfireCA.org or www.fire.ca.gov.

Be Fire Safe!

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