

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Humboldt - Del Norte Unit



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Humboldt, Del Norte, and western Trinity Counties Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

Fortuna – **Effective Friday, November 3, 2017 at 8:00 A.M.**, Hugh Scanlon, Chief of the CAL FIRE Humboldt- Del Norte Unit is formally terminating the burn suspension for Humboldt, Del Norte, and Western Trinity Counties. Chief Scanlon is not lifting the Fire Season designation at this time and advises that CAL FIRE permits are still required. CAL FIRE inspections may be required for large burns. A Standard or Non-Standard burn permit from the North Coast Unified AQMD is required year-round for all outdoor burning.

CAL FIRE will require burn permits until the end of fire season. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity's and winter weather have begun to diminish the threat of wildfire. 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.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. Contact the North Coast Unified AQMD at (866) BURN DAY.

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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