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Shasta and Eastern Trinity Counties Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

Redding/Weaverville – Effective Saturday, November 24th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., the burn permit suspension in Shasta and Eastern Trinity counties will be lifted. Eastern Trinity County is defined as that area of Trinity County within the Shasta-Trinity Administrative Unit Boundary (see attached map).

CAL FIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit Chief Mike Hebrard 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 permissible burn days. Agriculture burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of fire season. While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, fuel moistures can quickly lower after multiple dry days. 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 your local fire department or CAL FIRE to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in your area. CAL FIRE may be contacted at (530) 225-2418.

Shasta County, burn day information may be obtained by calling the Shasta County AQMD at (530) 224-8777 or 1(800) 411-8728, or their website at www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm_index/aq_index

Eastern Trinity County, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) requires that **all** burn operations, including Standard/dooryard and Non-Standard/agricultural, must obtain an NCUAQMD burn permit prior to burning. NCUAQMD burn permits may be obtained on-line at www.ncuaqmd.org or by calling (707) 443-3093. For burn day status, call (NCUAQMD) at (707) 443-7665 or (866) 287-6329.

Eastern Trinity County residents conducting Standard/dooryard burning on private property do not need an additional permit from CAL FIRE. The required NCUAQMD Standard permit will suffice. For a larger project/agricultural burning, a Non-Standard permit is required by NCUAQMD and an LE-5 burn permit shall be obtained from CAL FIRE.

Agricultural, training, campfire permits, and vegetation control burns conducted under permit are not affected by this Proclamation.

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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