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Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit



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Burn Permits Required May 1st

San Andreas – Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 8:00 AM the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will require burning permits within State Responsibility Areas of Tuolumne County, Calaveras County, Eastern Stanislaus County and Eastern San Joaquin County. Burn hours will not be restricted; however, a transition to night time burning may occur as conditions change.

The Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit is implementing new elevation based burning requirements. New burn permits will reflect Zone 1 (Below 3,500') and Zone 2 (Above 3,500'). Previously issued burn permits are still valid, please verify your elevation and zone prior to burning. The burn information lines for Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties will state if it is a permissive burn day in Zone 1 and/or Zone 2. The goal of this program is to allow property owners at the higher elevations to utilize door yard burning to remove waste generated while creating and maintaining defensible space for a longer period of time, while minimizing the potential of escaped control debris burns at the lower elevations.

Permits will be available only during business hours Monday through Friday, at the following locations:

- **CAL FIRE Headquarters**, 785 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas (**closed from noon to 1 p.m.**)
- **West Point FFS**, 22670 Highway 26, West Point
- **Twain Harte FFS**, 22978 Meadow Drive, Twain Harte
- **Standard FFS**, 18464 Striker Court, Sonora
- **Station 51**, 19500 Hillsdale Drive, Mono Village, Sonora
- **Green Springs FFS**, 11600 Jamestown Road, Jamestown
- **Blanchard FFS**, 2990 Highway 132, La Grange
- **Groveland FFS**, 11700 Merrell Rd, Groveland
- **Groveland CSD**, 18930 Highway 120, Groveland
- **Ebbetts Pass FPD**, 1037 Blagen Road, Arnold
- **Ebbetts Pass FPD Station 3**, 40 Canyon View Drive, Hathaway Pines
- **Stanislaus Consolidated Station # 24**, 321 E Street, Waterford
- **Stanislaus Consolidated Station # 28**, 325 East G Street, Oakdale
- **Stanislaus Consolidated Station # 29**, 1700 Main Street, Knights Ferry
- **Stanislaus Consolidated Station # 30**, 13200 Valley Home Road, Oakdale

Please remember personnel may be away from the station for extended periods of time when they are responding to emergencies.

Burn permit terms include limiting pile size to a maximum of four feet by four feet (four feet in diameter, and four feet high) and clearing down to bare mineral soil 10 feet from the outer edges of burn piles. Outdoor burning may be done **ONLY** on permissive burn days. Remember burn day status is determined on the basis of air quality: how quickly smoke will disperse. Therefore, many permissible burn days are very windy. Never burn when it's windy, even if it is a permissible burn day. Remain in attendance of your burn project and have tools and water close by in order to suppress any escape from your burning operation.

Wildfire is coming. Are you ready? Unit Chief Josh White reminds everyone, "Getting your property ready for the coming fire season by creating and maintaining 100 feet of defensible space around all structures is an excellent way to protect not only your home, but your neighborhood and community as well."

It is your responsibility to check burn day status by calling your local Air Pollution Control District with jurisdiction over your area.

Calaveras County: (209) 754-6600
Tuolumne County: (209) 533-5598
San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties: (877) 429-2876

For more information on creating defensible space zones visit: www.fire.ca.gov or www.readyforwildfire.org

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