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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



## Tulare Unit

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### **Tulare County Burn Permit Suspension Lifted**

**Visalia** – Effective December 1, 2018, at 8:00 AM, the burn permit suspension in Tulare County will be lifted. CAL FIRE, Acting Tulare Unit Chief Stan Machado is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises those possessing current and valid Hazard Reduction Burn Permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days, above 3,000 feet elevation. Agriculture permits can be obtained through San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Burn permits are required for all Hazard Reduction Burning. 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. Always use caution when burning, 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 San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District at 559-230-6062 or visit online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).

#### **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](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

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