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CAL FIRE burn permits required starting MAY 1

ST. HELENA, Calif. - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) has announced that effective Wednesday, May 1 all hazard reduction burning will require a permit in the counties of Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo.

Burn permits for five of the six counties in LNU must now be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>. Applicants can access the website to obtain a burn permit, which involves watching a short educational video and submitting an application. The process provides the necessary information needed to conduct the burn safely, while minimizing the chance for fire escape. Permits must be in possession either by printed copy or digitally. Permits are valid beginning May 1 of each year and require annual renewal. Permits are issued free of charge.

Burn permits for any location in Lake County can be obtained through the South Lake County Fire Protection District website at <https://www.southlakecountyfire.org/home/permits>.

Property owners conducting hazard reduction burning are responsible for checking the burn day status by contacting their local air pollution control district.

Bay Area Air Quality Management District: 1-877-466-2876
Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District: 707-565-2876
Lake County Air Quality Management District: 707-994-4444
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District: 530-757-3660
Colusa County Air Pollution Control District: 530-458-0581

Notify CAL FIRE prior to burning by calling 707-963-4112. Sonoma County residents may also call the Redwood Empire Dispatch Communications Authority (REDCOM) at 707-565-1700.

Hazard reduction guidelines are listed on the permit and must be followed at all times.

As a reminder, always have a minimum 10-foot clearance down to bare mineral soil around all burn piles, have a shovel and a water source available and an adult present during burning. Failure to follow these simple precautions may result in a citation and fines. For further information regarding residential burning or other fire safety tips, visit your local CAL FIRE Station or go to www.readyforwildfire.org.

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