

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



## Sonoma Lake Napa Unit

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### Burn Permit Suspension Lifted for Sonoma County

**ST. HELENA, Calif.** – Effective Friday, Oct. 28 at 12:01 a.m., the burn permit suspension in the State Responsibility Areas of **SONOMA COUNTY** will be lifted. CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Mike Marcucci is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid air quality and fire agency burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of fire season in the SRA. Burn piles larger than 4 feet by 4 feet in size or broadcast burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District or your local CAL FIRE Station.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity's and winter weather have helped to begin 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 of Sonoma County wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.**

- Northern Sonoma County – Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District – 707-433-5911
- Southern Sonoma County – Bay Area Air Quality Management District – 415-749-4900

#### **Sonoma County CAL FIRE Stations**

Santa Rosa	707-576-2001	Glen Ellen	707-996-6900
Occidental	707-874-3668	Petaluma	707-762-6262
Hilton	707-887-1770	Healdsburg	707-433-2020
Cazadero	707-632-5278	Cloverdale	707-894-2306
The Sea Ranch	707-785-2335	Santa Rosa HQ	707-576-2285

#### **Pile Burning Requirements**

- 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 and resiliency on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

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