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CAL FIRE burn permits required May 1 in North Bay Area

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

Burn permits for residents living within the state responsibility area of all six counties across 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.

For **Lake County** residents, in addition to obtaining a CAL FIRE burn permit online, you must also obtain a permit through the Lake County Air Quality Management District website at <https://www.lcaqmd.net/home/permits>. Please see [LCAQMD's press release](#) for information on its annual burn ban that goes into effect May 1.

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 along with your local dispatch center for the county you live in.

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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