
CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento and Alpine Counties Burn Suspension Lifted

Camino- Effective Monday October 17th, 2016 at 8:00am the burn suspension in Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento and Alpine counties will be lifted. CAL FIRE Amador – El Dorado Unit Chief Mike Kaslin is formally cancelling the burn suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Agriculture burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of peak fire season. 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, 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 by contacting your respective AQMD;

Amador County (209) 223-6246

El Dorado County (530) 621-5897

Sacramento County (916) 874-4800

Alpine County (760) 872-8211 ext. 240

South Lake Tahoe (530) 621-5842, (888) 332-2876

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.

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