

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## Humboldt, Del Norte & Western Trinity County Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

**October 3rd 2016-** Effective October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00am, the burn permit suspension in Humboldt, Del Norte, and western Trinity County is lifted. CAL FIRE Humboldt Del Norte Unit Chief Hugh Scanlon is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension in State Responsibility Areas and advises that those possessing current and valid Standard and Non-Standard burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Non-Standard permit burns in State Responsibility areas must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. This can be verified by contacting your local CAL FIRE Office.

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 vegetation 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.

**Burn Permit holders MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.** Burn Day status can be obtained by calling 1-866-287-6329 or on the web at [www.ncuaqmd.org](http://www.ncuaqmd.org). For further information contact the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) at 707-443-3093.

### Pile Burning Requirements

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, processed wood or other debris is not allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- A Standard Burn Permit pile is limited to one four foot in diameter pile. Burn pile must be completely out by noon.
- A Non-Standard Burn Permit pile is limited to one ten foot in diameter pile. You can add to the pile as it burns down. Burn pile must be completely out by one hour before sunset. This permit may require a CAL FIRE Permit.
- 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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