

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit

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RESTRICTED BURN HOURS

San Andreas – Monday, June 20, 2011 at 8AM, the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) **will restrict burn hours** within State Responsibility Areas of Tuolumne County, Calaveras County, Eastern Stanislaus County and Eastern San Joaquin County.

When burn hour restrictions are in effect, outdoor burning is permitted only between 7PM and 8AM with a valid burn permit on permissive burn days. The cooler temperature and higher humidity during evening hours provides safer conditions for burning the vegetation created when working on your 100 feet of defensible space around homes and other buildings. You may burn only clean, dry vegetation in a pile no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet. **Suspension** of all outdoor burning will go into effect **Friday, July 1, 2011**.

Unit Chief Mike Noonan reminds property owners of their responsibility to check burn day status by calling the Air Pollution Control District with jurisdiction over their area.

Calaveras County: 209/754-6600

Tuolumne County: 209/533-5598

San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties: 877/429-2876

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