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San Bernardino Counties Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

San Bernardino – Effective Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6 AM, the burn permit suspension in San Bernardino County will be lifted. CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit Chief Glenn Barley is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required for all open burning in State Responsibility Areas. Inspections may be required for issuing a burn permit. 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. Permit holders must verify it is a burn day by calling both the burn information line and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management or South Coast Air Quality Management District (location dependent) numbers listed on the permit.

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 vegetation, reduced for defensible space 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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