
CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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BURN SUSPENSION LIFTED

Willits – CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher P. Rowney, in conjunction with the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association, and the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD), will rescind the 2010 Countywide Burn Suspension of dooryard and large pile burning officially on Friday, October 22, 2010, at 12:01 A.M.

Burning Permits are required by CAL FIRE until a sufficient amount of rain diminishes the chances for unwanted wildland fires. Residents who obtained a CAL FIRE Burn Permit last spring are advised to check the dates on their Burn Permit to ensure it is still valid. Burning Permits can be obtained at CAL FIRE's Howard Forest Headquarters (459-7414) 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Additionally, permits may be obtained at the following CAL FIRE locations:

<u>CAL FIRE Station</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Boonville	895-3323
Covelo	983-6499
Hopland	744-1111
Leggett	925-6414
Woodlands	937-5765

County residents are reminded that BURNING MUST COMPLY WITH MCAQMD REGULATIONS. Open burning will be allowed only with properly obtained permits, which provide regulations for safe burning and air quality management.

While CAL FIRE does not require burn permits from the end of fire season until May 1st, 2011, MCAQMD permits are required year round. Burn permits are available at the following local fire districts; Anderson Valley Community Service District, Brooktrails Community Service District, Covelo Fire Protection District, Fort Bragg Fire Department, Little Lake Fire Department, Redwood Coast Fire Department, Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Protection District, Ukiah City Fire Department or the MCAQMD.

To further prevent unwanted wildfires, Chief Rowney encourages all residents to take advantage of the cooler months ahead and prepare your home for the 2011 fire season by creating 100 feet of defensible space around your home. Chief Rowney reminds residents preparing for a wildfire starts with three simple steps: “Ready, Set, Go”. Detailed information on “Ready, Set, Go” is available on our website at www.fire.ca.gov or contact CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters at (707) 459-7414.

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