



## REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT

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October 13, 2025

The Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District is extending all past 2024/25 issued burn permits for the 2025/26 burn season.

Burn permits issued during the 2024/25 burn season have been extended and will expire upon the burn ban going into effect in 2026. If you do not have an existing permit please come to the station and one will be issued to you at no cost for this season.

A burn permit is required by the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District. (MCAQMD)

<https://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/aqmd/burning-information.html>

A burn permit is also required by CAL FIRE, if you reside within the State Responsibility Area (SRA).

<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Please review the residential burn safety information on the other side of this notice and the attached information from the MCAQMD and CAL FIRE.

Compliance with burn permit rules is the responsibility of the permit holder.

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## PERMIT AND PROCEDURES FOR OPEN OUTDOOR BURNING

Burning shall be allowed only on BURN DAYS. Call 463-4391 for BURN DAY information.

APPROVED COMBUSTIBLES are dried trees, vines, prunings, brush, weeds, and native vegetation which are being burned on the property where they were grown.

YARD WASTE IS ACCEPTED FOR COMPOSTING AT SITES IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES:

Caspar, Ft. Bragg, Gualala, Ukiah, & Willits

NON-APPROVED COMBUSTIBLES may not be burned. Examples: household garbage, cardboard, paper products, plastic materials, Styrofoam, shop waste, wood waste, pressure treated wood (such as grape stakes or end posts), demolition debris, used motor oil, oil filters, batteries, pesticides, tires, tar paper.

MOST NON-APPROVED COMBUSTIBLES CAN BE RECYCLED AT SITES IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES:

Albion, Boonville, Caspar, Covelo, Fort Bragg, Gualala, Laytonville, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, Ukiah, Westport, & Willits

FOR INFORMATION ON RECYCLING, COMPOSTING AND WASTE REDUCTION, CALL THE RECYCLING HOTLINE at 468-9704 or 1-800-246-3939.

### BURNING PREPARATIONS-

The following MUST be met:

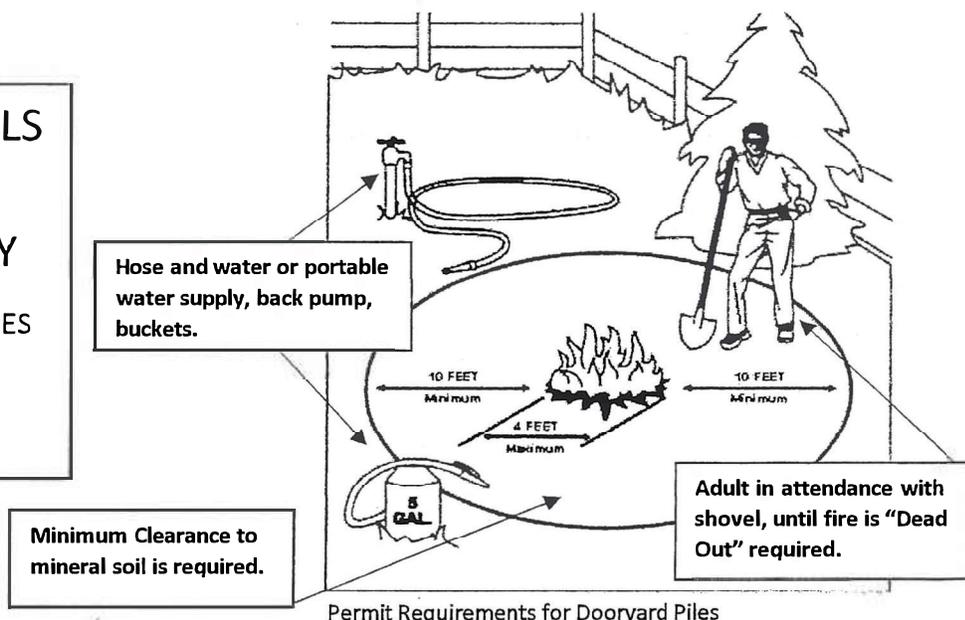
1. Material must be approved combustible and reasonably free of soil and surface moisture from rainfall.
2. Material must be arranged to promote rapid combustion.
3. Green materials must be dried for the times as follows:
  - A. Trees and branches of 6" diameter – 60 days
  - B. Prunings and smaller branches – 15 days
  - C. Field crops, brush and weeds – seven (7) days
  - D. Other material-drying time prior to burning will be determined by the District upon request.
4. After drying, burn piles are to be ignited as rapidly as possible by approved ignition devices such as diesel sprayers, drip torches, or kindling.
5. Wind direction shall not be toward any area with significant numbers of people when the fire is ignited, or additional fuel is added.

AGRICULTURAL USE CLASSIFICATIONS (A1, A2, A3, A4, A5)-Burn Report Cards must be returned monthly (when burning is conducted) until completion of burning.

Any person who fails to observe the rules and regulations of the Air Quality Management District or knowingly emits an air contaminant and fails to take corrective action is guilty of misdemeanor and may be punishable by a fine, a jail sentence or both, or a civil penalty and the cost of putting out the fire.

### THE USE OF BURN BARRELS IS ILLEGAL IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES  
IMPOSED BY THE AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.



1. Maximum pile size 4-foot diameter.
2. Minimum clearance of 10 feet from all flammable materials.
3. Adult in attendance with shovel until fire is DEAD OUT.
4. Water supply at burning site.



# Open Burning Information

Mendocino County Air Quality Management District

## BEFORE YOU BURN

**ALWAYS CALL 463-4391 BEFORE BURNING**

**BURN ONLY ON PERMISSIVE DAYS**

**ALL OPEN OUTDOOR FIRES REQUIRE BURN PERMITS**

Burning may be prohibited during periods of high fire danger.

Read and understand your permit and special instructions received from the issuing agency.

Large burns and burns located near sensitive populations may require an Air Quality approved Smoke Management Plan.

- Only burn if you have a minimum of 10 feet of clearance from any other combustibles.
- All fires must be attended by a responsible adult until the fire is dead out.
- Adequate water and a shovel to put out the fire must be present when you burn.
- You are responsible for the cost of putting out your fire and all damages caused by your fire, if it escapes. Contact your fire agency with any questions about fire safety (see list on back).

## WHAT TO BURN

- Only burn vegetation that grew on the property.
- Vegetation must be dry (not green) and free of soil.
- Materials must be dried at least the minimum length of time as follows:
  - Larger than 6” in diameter–60 days
  - Less than 6” in diameter–15 days
- **Do not burn** lumber, garbage or metals of any type.
- **Do not burn** cardboard or paper except as needed to start your fire.
- **Do not burn** in a burn barrel in Mendocino County.



Recycle what you can



Compost if you can



Burn Barrels are illegal

## WHEN TO BURN

- **ALWAYS CALL 463-4391 BEFORE BURNING & BURN ONLY ON PERMISSIVE BURN DAYS**
- Burn between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm only - or as directed in writing on your permit; no overnight smoldering.
- **Do not burn** during high winds. Burn a small test pile to determine where the smoke is going.
- **Do not burn** when your smoke will impact others - you are responsible for your smoke impact.
- **Do not burn** early on cold mornings during the winter months when your smoke will affect others.

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT of FORESTRY and FIRE PROTECTION

CONTACT:  
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(707) 459-7414



DATE OF RELEASE:  
October 13, 2025

## MENDOCINO UNIT

### Lifts Burn Suspension in Mendocino County

**Mendocino County, CA** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Mendocino Unit is lifting the suspension of residential outdoor burn permits. This suspension will be lifted on **Monday, October 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.**

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Chief Brandon Gunn is formally cancelling the burn permit 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.

Burn Permits are available online from CAL FIRE at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov>.

**IMPORTANT:** CALFIRE Burn Permits are only for residents who live in the State Responsibility Area (SRA), or where CAL FIRE has jurisdictional authority. It is the responsibility of the landowner to check with local fire agencies to determine any additional permits that might be required and if there are any additional burning restrictions for their area.

You must have possession of a signed permit while you are conducting a burn. If you lose your permit or it expires, you will need to obtain another permit before you start burning.

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 and resiliency on private and public lands.

**Before you burn**, call Mendocino County Air Management District at (707) 463-4391 to confirm that you have all the required burn permits and to ensure it is a permissive burn day. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days and is prohibited on non-burn days.

For additional information on how to create Defensible Space, on how to be prepared for wildfires, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit <https://ReadyForWildfire.org>

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*Brandon Gunn*

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For more information about how you and your family can prepare for wildfire visit

[www.ReadyForWildfire.org](https://www.ReadyForWildfire.org)