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RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING PERIOD EXTENDED FOR SHASTA COUNTY

Redding – The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) with Shasta County Air Quality Management District jointly announce the extension of the residential open burning period for Shasta County residents living below 1,000 feet, in the state responsibility area and Shasta County Fire Department’s jurisdiction, with a CAL FIRE permit beginning on May 1, 2019. Buckeye residents will need to obtain a burn permit from Redding Fire Department. Residents will be permitted to burn dooryard debris until conditions warrant a suspension to reduce the threat of wildfires.

Current fire severity conditions support an extension to the debris burning season to allow residents additional time to clear vegetative waste that would otherwise be potential fuel for wildfires this summer.

The extended rainy season and severe storms that occurred this past winter have led to a plentiful grass crop, dead and downed trees, and other storm debris. Meanwhile, the rainy season has reduced the immediate threat of wildfires since fuel moisture levels are higher than usual.

Burn permits may be obtained online. Applicants will access the website at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>, watch the mandatory video which reviews burning requirements and safety tips, fill in the required fields, submit the form and a dooryard burn permit will be created. The applicant must then print it out. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued and must be reissued annually on or after January 1st of each year. Contact your local fire department or CAL FIRE to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in your area. CAL FIRE may be contacted at (530) 225-2418.

In **Shasta County**, the daily burn day status may be obtained by contacting Shasta County AQMD at (530) 224-8777 or 1(800) 411-8728, or online at www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm_index/aq_index

In **Trinity County**, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) requires that **all** burn operations, including residential/dooryard and agriculture/hazard reduction, must obtain an AQMD burn permit prior to burning.

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AQMD burn permits may be obtained on-line at www.ncuaqmd.org or by calling (707) 443-3093. For burn day status, call (NCUAQMD) at (707) 443-7665 or (866) 287-6329.

In Eastern Trinity County residents conducting dooryard burning on private property do not need an additional permit from CAL FIRE. The required NCUAQMD permit will suffice. For larger project (non-dooryard) burning, a non-standard permit is required by NCUAQMD and an LE-5 burn permit shall be obtained from CAL FIRE. This type of burn permit is not available online.

Residents are urged to take precautions while burning outdoors to prevent sparking a wildfire. A leading cause of wildfires this time of year is from escaped landscape debris burning. Before you burn, ensure it's a permissive burn day by contacting the local air quality district and then make sure you have any and all required burn permits.

Ensure that piles from landscape debris are no larger than four feet in diameter, have a 10 ft. clearance down to bare mineral soil around the burn pile and that a responsible adult is in attendance at all times with a water source and a shovel.

For more information on how you can protect your family, home and property by creating and maintaining defensible space visit www.readyforwildfire.org.

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