



CAL FIRE in cooperation with San Diego County Fire

NEWS RELEASE

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San Diego County Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

El Cajon – Effective Monday January 4th at 8:00 AM the burn permit suspension in San Diego County will be lifted. CAL FIRE / San Diego County Fire Chief Tony Mecham 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, and inspections may be required for residential burns as well. This can be verified by contacting your local CAL FIRE station.

CAL FIRE burn permits are required for all agriculture and residential burning. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and the chance of winter weather have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. 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 and record their intention to burn by contacting their local CAL FIRE station.

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 be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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