

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit



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### CAL FIRE Burn Permits Required MAY 1 in North Bay Area Counties

**ST. HELENA, Calif.** - The CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit has announced that residential burn permits will be required effective Friday, May 1 in the counties of Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Solano, Yolo and Colusa. Burn permits must now be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>.

To acquire a permit, visit the website, watch a short educational video and apply. The process provides the necessary information needed to conduct the burn safely, while minimizing the chance for fire escape. Permits must be in possession either by printed copy or digitally. Permits are valid beginning May 1 of each year and require annual renewal. They are issued free of charge.

Hazard Reduction Guidelines are listed on the permit and must be followed at all times.

CAL FIRE Burn Permits are only for lands within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) or where CAL FIRE has jurisdiction. For information and permits required outside the SRA or CAL FIRE jurisdiction, contact your local city/county fire authority and regional air district.

For **Lake County** residents, in addition to obtaining a CAL FIRE burn permit online, you must also obtain a permit through the Lake County Air Quality Management District website at <https://lcaqmd.net/>. Its website is where you can find information on the annual burn ban that goes into effect May 1 for Lake County.

Residents in **Marin County** can obtain information and apply for burn permits online at <https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/fire/vegetation-management/apply-burn-permit/burn-permit-application-form>.

Property owners conducting hazard reduction burning are responsible for checking the burn day status by contacting their local air pollution control district.

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District: 1-877-466-2876
- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District: 707-565-2876
- Lake County Air Quality Management District: 707-994-4444
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District: 530-757-3660
- Colusa County Air Pollution Control District: 530-458-0581

As a reminder, always have a minimum 10-foot clearance down to bare mineral soil around all burn piles, a shovel and a water source available and an adult present during burning. Failure to follow these simple precautions may result in a citation and fines. For more tips and information on residential landscape debris burning safety, visit <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/debris-burning>.

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