



# SONOMA-LAKE-NAPA UNIT NEWS RELEASE

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## CAL FIRE burn permits required starting May 1

**ST. HELENA, Calif.** – Beginning Monday, May 1, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit will require CAL FIRE burn permits in the State Responsibility Areas (SRA) of Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. The CAL FIRE burn permits are in addition to local air quality management district permits to conduct outdoor burning.

The required CAL FIRE burn permits are only available online. There is no charge for the CAL FIRE burn permits. If internet services are not readily available to you, we recommend the use of public libraries, friends, or family who have Internet availability.



CAL FIRE: <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov>. Property owners can access this website to obtain a burn permit, free of charge, by watching a short educational video and submitting an application. Permits must be printed, signed, and on-hand while burning. The process provides the necessary information needed to conduct the burn safely while minimizing the chance for fire escape. Permits are valid for one year (May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024) when burning is allowed.

**IMPORTANT:** CAL FIRE burn permits are required for individuals looking to burn in the State Responsibility Area (SRA), or where CAL FIRE has jurisdictional authority. You can determine if you are in SRA by verifying through our [online data viewer](#). It is the responsibility of the landowner to check with local agencies to determine if any additional permits are required and if there are any additional burning restrictions for their area.

On the day of your burn, you must check to see if it is a permissive burn day by contacting your local air district. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days and is prohibited on non-burn days.

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District for southern Sonoma Napa counties 1 (800) 466-2876
- Lake County Air Quality Management District ..... (707) 263-7000
- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District..... (707) 565-2876
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District ..... (530) 757-3660
- Colusa County Air Pollution Control District..... (530) 458-0581

The Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit will implement a burn suspension when weather conditions warrant.

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