



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



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MEDIA RELEASE

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Burning Restrictions Lifted in North Tahoe Fire and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts

TAHOE CITY, CA, October 31, 2024 – With the arrival of cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and winter weather, effective Friday, November 1, 2024, at 8:00 A.M., CAL FIRE will be lifting the burn permit suspension that has been in place in Placer and El Dorado counties during fire season. Following CAL FIRE's lifting of fire restrictions, which indicates the end of our local fire season, the Fire Chief will be lifting local fire restrictions for North Tahoe Fire and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts.

Those possessing current and valid residential burn permits may resume burning on permissible burn days. The CAL FIRE, the Air Resource Board, in conjunction with the Counties' Air Quality Management Districts, regulate "burn" and "no burn" days. Burn permits are required and residents must verify if a day is a permissible burn day through the [Placer County Air Quality Management District](#) for permit holders in the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, or the [El Dorado County Air Quality Management District](#) for permit holders in the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District.

BURN GUIDELINES

- Burn permits and a step-by-step guide to Hazard Reduction Burning can be obtained by visiting the [CAL FIRE Burn Permits](#) website.
- Renters must have written authorization from the property owner in their possession to obtain a permit.
- Maximum pile size shall be 4 feet in diameter.
- The area within 10 feet of the outer edge of the pile shall be maintained free and clear of all flammable material and vegetation.
- There must be a responsible adult in attendance with a shovel until the fire is dead out.
- There must be a water supply at the burning site.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.

Safe residential pile burning of green waste is an important tool in reducing fire hazards resulting from the buildup of forest residue. For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov. For information on creating defensible space around your home, visit [Tahoe Living with Fire](#).

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WINTER FIRE RESTRICTIONS (NOV - JUN*)



**TYPICALLY NOVEMBER - JUNE*

PERMISSIBLE

Outside of Fire Season Only



WOOD, GAS & CHARCOAL DEVICES



FIRE PITs AND CHIMENEAS W/ 1/4" SCREEN AND CHARCOAL BBQ**



LPG OR NATURAL GAS FIREPITS, PORTABLE OR BUILT IN

BARBECUES



PROPANE



NATURAL GAS



PELLET

**Wood and charcoal burning devices may only be used with written permission from the homeowner, which must be in the possession of the person operating the fire. Due to county ordinance, outdoor wood and charcoal devices are not permitted for use at short-term/vacation rentals.

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