

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## Lassen-Modoc Unit

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### **Online Burn Permits now available for Lassen, Modoc and Plumas Counties**

**Susanville** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Lassen-Modoc Unit has begun making residential burn permits available online for residents living within the state responsibility area of Lassen, Modoc and Plumas counties.

Although CAL FIRE burn permits are not currently required for dooryard burning within Lassen, Modoc and Plumas Counties, the online application will provide a convenient alternative to obtaining a permit when the requirement resumes. 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 and sign the permit. 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. Residents living in areas where burning in a burn barrel is allowed, may use the online burn permit as well. You cannot burn in a burn barrel unless you have received authorization from your APCD.

If you are not able to utilize the online burn permit program, you can obtain a burn permit from your local CALFIRE station.

Burning can only be done on permissive burn days. To find out if it is a permissive burn day, contact your local Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

- Lassen County – (530) 257-2876 or 257-BURN
- Modoc County – (530) 233-6401
- Plumas County –
  - Portola: (530) 832-4528
  - Greenville: (530) 284-6520
  - Quincy: (530) 283-3602
  - Chester: (530) 258-2588

Burning can only be done during permissive times.

- **Burn hours for Lassen County are as follows:**
  - Today through June 30, 2019 - Open Hours
- **Burn hours for Modoc County are as follows:**
  - Today through June 30, 2019 - Open Hours
- **Burn hours for Plumas County are as follows:**
  - Today through June 30, 2019 - Open Hours

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. Remember these key points:

- Only natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- Household garbage may NOT be burned.
- Do not burn on windy days.
- Ensure that piles from landscape debris are no larger than four feet in diameter.
- If burning in a burn barrel, all openings must be screened with nonflammable material with holes not larger than ¼ inch.
- Have a 10-ft. clearance down to bare mineral soil around the burn pile or barrel.
- Ensure a responsible adult is in attendance at all times with a water source and a shovel.
- You must have a signed permit in your possession while you are burning and you are responsible for maintaining control of your fire always.
- Possession of a permit does not protect you if your burn escapes. You are still liable for any suppression costs.
- If a burn escapes your control, you should seek help immediately. Wildfires can spread very quickly. A fast response from the fire department can reduce suppression cost considerably.
- Remember, you may be billed for suppression costs, so the sooner you seek help the better the outcome may be.
- Simple common sense can greatly reduce the chance of an escape. If you don't feel it's safe to conduct a burn, then don't!

Changing conditions may necessitate an early burn suspension. Please keep informed about burn restrictions by visiting our website at [www.fire.ca.gov/lmu](http://www.fire.ca.gov/lmu) under "Hot Topics". For more tips on preparing for fire season, visit [www.readyforwildfire.com](http://www.readyforwildfire.com).

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# Lassen, Modoc and Plumas Counties Burn Permit Requirements for 2019

The burn permit allows you to conduct the following types of residential debris burns:

- Burning debris in small heaps and piles (not to exceed 4 ft in diameter.)
- Burning debris in a burn barrel, if within exempted areas of Lassen County. Authorization from Lassen County is required. For further information, contact Lassen County Air Pollution Control District (530) 257-4247.
- Burning debris in a burn barrel within Modoc County is allowed due to the restriction exemptions received from the Air Resource Board.
- For questions regarding burn barrel use in Plumas County, contact the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District at (530) 832-0102.

## Debris:

Means the burning of brush, tree trimmings, pine needles, leaves or vegetation.

## Prohibited materials include:

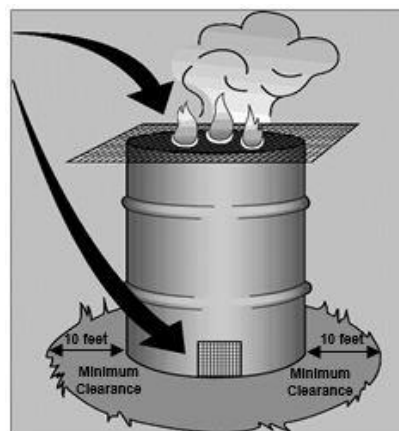
Tires, asphalt shingles, tar paper, cloth, upholstery, plastics, linoleum, diapers, carpeting, demolition debris, construction debris, business trash, etc.

This permit is for the burning of:

Vegetation from within or around a **RESIDENCE**. In addition, a water supply must be available for immediate use by the person conducting the debris burn. The water supply must be of **SUFFICIENT CAPACITY** and **VOLUME** to extinguish the fire **AT ANY TIME**. This usually means the use of a garden hose or backpack pump, **and a shovel**.

**The drawings below, illustrate minimum fire safe requirements. These minimum requirements apply to all burning.**

- Maximum pile size is 4 feet in diameter.
- If burning in a burn barrel, all openings must be screened with nonflammable material with holes not larger than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.
- Area within 10 feet of the outer edge of pile or barrel shall be maintained clear of all flammable material and vegetation.
- Adult in attendance with shovel until fire is dead out.
- Water supply at burning site.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (**particularly wind**) are such that burning can be considered safe.



## **You must have a burn permit in possession while burning!**

You shall present the permit to any fire or law enforcement official upon their request.

- e) **Prior to burning** you must call the Air Pollution Control District in your county to see if it is a permissive burn day: Lassen County APCD (530) 257-2876 or 257-BURN, Modoc County APCD (530) 233-6401, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (Portola 832-4528, Quincy 283-3602, Greenville 284-6520, Chester 258-2588)

## **BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON NO BURN DAYS.**

### **Things to Remember:**

- 1. You can only burn on permissive burn days. Contact the APCD before starting to burn.**
- 2. You cannot burn in a burn barrel unless you have received authorization from the APCD.**
- 3. Do not burn when wind conditions are such that burning is not safe. Should winds increase while burning you should stop burning operations.**
- 4. Burn hours for Lassen County are as follows:  
May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 - Open Hours  
Burn hours for Modoc County are as follows:  
May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 - Open Hours  
Burn hours for Plumas County are as follows:  
May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 - Open Hours  
**On or around June 30, 2019 – A burning suspension will be in effect until the end of declared Fire Season or until lifted by the Unit Chief.****

**PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES IN CONDITIONS MAY NECESSITATE AN EARLY BURN SUSPENSION. PLEASE KEEP INFORMED ABOUT BURN RESTRICTIONS BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.FIRE.CA.GOV/LMU](http://WWW.FIRE.CA.GOV/LMU) under “HOT TOPICS” or by following us on Facebook or Twitter.**

- 5. You must have possession of a signed permit while you are conducting a burn. This is the law. If you lose your permit you will need to obtain another one before you start burning. If you are asked for your permit by an officer while you are burning and you cannot produce one, you may be cited.**
- 6. Possession of a permit does not protect you if your burn escapes. You are still liable for any suppression costs.**
- 7. If a burn escapes your control, you should seek help immediately. Wildfires can spread very quickly. A fast response from the fire department can reduce suppression cost considerably. Remember, you may be billed for suppression costs, so the sooner you seek help the better the outcome may be.**
- 8. Simple common sense can greatly reduce the chance of an escape. If you don't feel it's safe to conduct a burn, then don't.**

**If you have any questions, you can contact your local fire agency. They will be happy to answer any questions. Remember, the safety of your property and home, your neighbor's property and home is in your hands.**