



CAL FIRE in cooperation with San Diego County Fire

NEWS RELEASE

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San Diego County Burning Hours Extended

El Cajon – Effective Friday December 17th, 2021, individuals with a valid burn permit can burn from 8:00 AM to sunset. Burning has been permitted since November 8th, when CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire Chief Tony Mecham rescinded the burn suspension. This extension of hours will allow those possessing current and valid agricultural and residential burn permits to burn from 8:00 AM to sunset on permissible burn days.

CAL FIRE burn permits are required for all agricultural and residential burning. Agricultural burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning, and inspections may be required for residential burns as well. Inspection requirements can be verified by contacting your local CAL FIRE station.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and the recent winter weather have helped to reduce the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agricultural 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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