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Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit



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Online Burn Permits

SAN ANDREAS – In compliance with Governor Newsom’s COVID-19 “Stay at Home” order, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Tuolumne – Calaveras Unit will transition to an online burn permit website for residential dooryard burn permits. Property owners currently in possession of a previously issued permit are encouraged to check the expiration date, as permits are valid for two years.

The <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/apply-for-a-permit/> website is the preferred method of obtaining a burn permit. Providing for minimal contact, property owners can review fire safety regulations while conveniently staying in their home. Applicants will watch a three-minute educational video, fill out an online application and print the permit. Once signed, the permit will be valid.

Currently, the unit is in “Open Burning” status on permissive burn days and CAL FIRE burn permits are not required. We encourage property owners to use this time wisely and complete debris burning prior to May 1st, 2020 at which time burn permits will be required. Although CAL FIRE burn permits are not required until May 1, property owners are reminded to take precautions to maintain control of their burn piles, as they can be held liable for escaped fires.

Property owners requiring an alternate means of obtaining a permit are asked to call our headquarters office during normal business hours (Monday to Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.) at 209-754-3831 for assistance.

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