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Open Burning in Nevada, Yuba, Placer Counties Burn Suspension Lifted

Auburn – Effective immediately Wednesday, November 27th, the burn suspension in Nevada, Yuba and Placer Counties is lifted. Open burning is now allowed with no permit required. CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Chief Brian Estes is formally cancelling the burn suspension and advises residents they can now start burning on permissible burn days.

While fire danger has diminished, all Air Pollution or Air Quality Control District rules and regulations still apply. Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.

The storm that impacted the area Tuesday night is sufficient to reduce the fire danger. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity's and winter weather have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture 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.

<u>Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning by</u> <u>contacting:</u>

• Nevada & Sierra Counties - Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

Western Nevada County: **(530) 274-7928** Eastern Nevada County: **(530) 582-1027**

Western Sierra County: (530) 289-3662 Eastern Sierra County: (530) 994-3561

- Yuba County Feather River Air Quality Management District: (530) 741-6299
- Placer County Placer County Air Pollution Control District

Auburn area (within 12 miles): **530-889-6868** Outside Auburn, toll-free: **1-800-998-BURN (2876)**

Safe Pile Burning Recommendations

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to your pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby.
- An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times.

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 also 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 <u>www.fire.ca.gov</u>.

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