

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



### MENDOCINO

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## **CAL FIRE BURN PERMITS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR MENDOCINO COUNTY**

**Mendocino County, CA** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will begin making residential burn permits available online beginning today, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at no cost to residents living within the state responsibility area of Mendocino County.

Although CAL FIRE burn permits are not currently required for dooryard burning within Mendocino County, 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 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. Contact your local fire department or CAL FIRE to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in your area. CAL FIRE may be contacted at (707) 459-7414.

In **Mendocino County**, the daily burn day status may be obtained by calling Mendocino County AQMD at (707) 463-4391 or visiting the MCQAMD web site at [www.mendoair.org](http://www.mendoair.org).

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. Before you burn, ensure it's a permissive burn day by contacting the local air quality district and then make sure you have all required burn permits.

Ensure that piles from landscape debris are no larger than four feet in diameter, have a 10-ft. clearance down to bare mineral soil around the burn pile and that a responsible adult is in attendance at all times with a water source and a shovel.

For more information on how you can protect your family, home and property by creating and maintaining defensible space visit [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org).

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