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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



### Siskiyou Unit



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### **BURN PERMITS REQUIRED May 1, 2025**

**Yreka, Ca-** The CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit will require residential burn permits **effective 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025**, for any type of open burning within State Responsibility Areas (SRA) of Siskiyou County.

Greg Roath, Chief of the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit, is reminding residents that as fire season approaches, it's critical to stay aware and take action to reduce wildfire risks. One of the most common causes of wildfires is escaped debris burns, so it's essential to follow all safety guidelines when burning yard or agricultural waste. Always check current weather conditions, obtain the required permits, and never leave burn piles unattended. Residents are also encouraged to use local green waste recycling and chipping services as a safer alternative to burning. By staying prepared and working together, we can help protect our homes, communities, and natural landscapes from devastating wildfires.

#### **Dooryard Burning Requirements**

- Burn only dry natural vegetation such as leaves, pine needles, and tree trimmings that originated on the property. Burning household garbage is not allowed.
- Piles should be no larger than 4-feet in diameter with 10-feet of clearance down to bare soil.
- A responsible adult must be in attendance at all times. Fires should never be left unattended.
- Must have a water supply available, such as charged garden hose or 5-gallon water extinguisher.
- Prior to burning, call the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District at (530) 842-8123 to confirm the burn day status and any burn hour restrictions.
- **DO NOT** burn on windy days.

Residents that live in the SRA must have a valid Residential Burn Permit which can be obtained on-line from the CAL FIRE Burn Permit website located at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Changing conditions may necessitate an early burn permit suspension. Please keep informed on burn permit suspensions or restrictions by contacting CAL FIRE at (530) 842-3516 or visit [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

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