



INFORMATION BULLETIN
on
RESIDENTIAL BURN PILE REQUIREMENTS

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Purpose: To assist the public and members of the Department in understanding and applying the Residential Burn Permit (RBP) requirements under the CAL FIRE administrative program. These permits are in effect beginning **Monday, October 25, 2021** until further notice.



Residential Burn Permits are available free of charge and allow for the burning of dry landscape vegetation (NOT household trash and garbage, construction materials or other debris) that originates from the landowner's property.

Burn permits are no longer issued from each fire station in the district.

Contact the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District at (530) 621-5897 to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in your area. ALWAYS call to ensure burn day status prior to igniting any burn piles.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How do I obtain a Residential Burn Permit?

To acquire a permit, applicants may access the permit application at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov>. Click on the **APPLY NOW** link on the webpage, view

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the residential landscape debris burning video and complete the permit application form and permit process online. Once you complete the on-line process please print and ensure that the permit is available on your property for review by fire officials during burning.

2. What is the maximum size of each residential burn pile?

Residential burn piles cannot be larger than 4-feet in diameter, have a 10-foot clearance to bare soil around the burn pile and have a responsible adult attending the burn pile at all times that it is lit. An approved water source and a shovel must be available to prevent burn piles from escaping control by the adult.

3. Can I burn more than one residential burn pile on my property simultaneously?

Yes, the property owner can burn one or more landscape debris piles at the same time so long as they are separated by a 10-foot clearance to bare soil zone around each pile.

4. How close can a residential burn pile be located to nearby buildings or property lines?

Residential burn piles should be located at least 30-feet from all buildings and property lines.

5. Can I use a burn barrel instead of a burn pile to burn materials?

No, burn barrels are illegal for use in El Dorado County.

6. Can the responsible adult attending to the residential burn pile remain in their home while the pile is burning or must they remain outdoors?

A responsible adult should be present within close proximity to the burn pile while it is lit. The adult should remain awake at all times and be prepared to use the water source and shovel to keep the burn pile from escaping control and spreading to nearby properties and forest lands.

For additional questions regarding residential burn pile permit requirements please visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov or contact El Dorado County Fire Protection District at (530) 644-9630, for assistance.

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