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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## CAL FIRE / Butte County Fire



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### **Peak Fire Season Draws To a Close – Burn Ban Lifted**

**Butte County** - The recent rain has prompted the lifting of the burn ban in Butte County as of **8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009**. Residents of the unincorporated areas of the county may burn without a permit until May 1, 2010 when dooryard burn permits will be required. Prior to burning, residents **MUST** call the Butte County Air Quality Management District at 896-2537 to check the burn day status.

While showers and cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, residents are still reminded to use caution while conducting residential dooryard debris burns. CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire offers the following safety guidelines:

- ✓ Burn only clean, dry vegetative waste such as leaves, pine needles and yard clippings.
- ✓ Do not burn on windy days.
- ✓ Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter.
- ✓ Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- ✓ Keep a water source handy such as a hose or large bucket of water
- ✓ Fire should never be left unattended.
- ✓ Property owners will be held civilly and criminally liable if a fire escapes their control and/or burns on to neighboring property.

For more information on burning, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (530) 538-7888 or visit us on the Web at [www.buttecounty.net/fire](http://www.buttecounty.net/fire).

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