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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS CONDUCTING RESIDENTIAL/DOORYARD BURNING

The Butte County Air Quality Management District, in cooperation with local fire protection agencies, provides the following information on residential/dooryard burning requirements as a public service. Residential/dooryard burning refers to the burning of wastes at a residence in the open air and **does not** include burning in fireplaces and wood stoves within the residence.

Requirements are included for all areas of Butte County, including the Cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, Paradise and areas of Butte County that are within the Lassen and Plumas National Forests. Persons burning residential waste should read and keep this summary for future reference. For more information please contact your local Fire Department or Butte County Air Quality Management District at 530-891-2882 (or toll-free 888-891-2882).

AIR QUALITY

Burning is allowed only on **Permissible Burn Days**. The State Air Resources Board recently approved the forecasting of next day burn status. When Cal-Fire burn permits are required, the residential burn line **896-2537 (or toll free 866-240-0859)** is updated Monday through Friday by 4:30 p.m. for the following day's burn day status. When burn permits are not required by Cal-Fire and on Sunday and Monday, year-round, the residential burn line is updated at 8:45 a.m. for that day's burn day status. Burn day information is also updated on our website and is provided to local radio stations and newspapers. **Do not call your local Fire Department for burn day information.**

Only vegetation can be burned on the property on which it is grown. Transporting vegetation to another location to be burned is prohibited. The use of burn barrels is prohibited unless you live in an exempt area. Two exempt areas exist in Butte County. Please contact the District office or check the website (www.bcaqmd.org) to determine the location of exempt areas.

The following **cannot be burned**: paper products, painted/treated lumber, garbage, tires, trash, plastic, metal, rubber, cotton, wool, petroleum products, paint, other similar smoke or toxic-fume producing items, and fireworks.

All vegetation must be dry, not covered with dirt, and loosely stacked to **allow air to circulate freely** so that smoke will be minimized.

No burning shall occur when weather conditions cause smoke from the burn to enter onto ANY adjacent residences where there are persons residing such as to create a **nuisance**. Questions regarding air quality requirements should be directed to the Butte County Air Quality Management District, 891-2882 (toll-free 888-891-2882).

FIRE SAFETY

Residential/dooryard burning fire safety requirements apply when burn permits are required. A responsible person must be in attendance at all times. Adequate water supply must be available on site to control the burn pile or potential escapes. Wind speeds must provide for a safe burn. The property owner and any person burning are individually and collectively responsible for all burn regulations. Persons doing the burning will be held liable if the burn escapes their control.

BUTTE COUNTY RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS:

Responsible fire agencies are:

Butte County Fire Rescue/California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL-FIRE) phone number 538-7111.

U.S. Forest Service District Office at Oroville phone number 534-6500.

U.S. Forest Service District Office at Butte Meadows phone number 873-0580.

Fire Agency Permits are required from May 1 to the end of declared fire season annually (not valid during burn ban July 1 to November 1). No permit is required from the end of the declared fire season to April 30. No fee is required. Fire Agency Permits are available at Butte County Fire Stations/CAL Fire, U.S. Forest Service District Office at Oroville, and U.S. Forest Service District Office at Butte Meadows.

Burn Hours: 6:00 am - 11:00 am from May 1 to June 30.

Pile Size: 4-foot diameter maximum and 10-foot clearance when burn permits are required. There are currently no fire agency permit restrictions on pile size from November 1 to April 30.

CITY OF CHICO:

Responsible fire agency is City of Chico Fire Department.

Phone number 897-3400 or 897-4900 (afterhours). No residential/dooryard burning allowed.

CITY OF BIGGS:

Responsible fire agency is City of Biggs Fire Department/California Department of Forestry (CAL-Fire). Phone number 868-5834.

Permits required year round. No fee required. Available at Biggs Fire Station, 434 "B" Street.

Burn Hours 6:00 am to 11:00 am May 1 through October 31 and 6:00 am to 2:00 pm November 1 through April 30.

Pile Size 4-foot diameter maximum and 10 foot clearance is required.

CITY OF GRIDLEY:

Responsible fire agency is City of Gridley Fire Department/California Department of Forestry (CAL-FIRE). Phone number 846-2470.

Permits required year round. No fee required. Available at Butte County/Gridley City Fire Station #74, 47 East Gridley Road.

Burn Hours May 1 – Oct 31 6:00 am to 11:00 am. Nov 1 – April 30 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Pile Size 4 foot diameter maximum and 10 foot clearance required.

CITY OF OROVILLE:

Responsible fire agency is City of Oroville Fire Department. Phone number 538-2480.

Permits (not Agricultural) valid for one calendar year, except during burn ban (June 1 through October 31 annually). \$10.86 fee, available at Oroville Fire Station, 2055 Lincoln Street, or at Oroville City Hall, 1735 Montgomery Street 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Burn Hours 6:00 am to 10:00 am May 1 to May 31. No restrictions November 1 to April 30.

Pile Size 4 foot diameter maximum and 10 foot clearance required.

Wind Speed No burning if wind speed is measured to be greater than 10 miles per hour.

El Medio Fire Protection District (SOUTH OROVILLE AREA) excluding City of Oroville incorporated area:

Responsible fire agency is El Medio Fire Department. Phone number 533-4484.

Permits required year round, valid for one calendar year, except during burn ban (June 1 through October 31 annually). \$10.00 fee, available at El Medio Fire Station, 3515 Myers, Oroville.

Burn Hours 6:00 am to 11:00 am May 1 to end of declared fire season annually (June 30).

Pile Size 4 foot diameter maximum and 10 foot clearance required.

TOWN OF PARADISE:

Responsible fire agency is Paradise Fire Department. Phone number 872-6206.

Permit Required, Valid during burn season March 1 through May 31 and during a special burn period in the fall, typically mid-November through mid-December. \$24.64 annual fee, available at Paradise Fire Station Number 1, 767 Birch Street, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Permit Conditions; Burning allowed **east of Clark Road 1st-15th** of each burn season month, burning allowed **west of Clark Road 16th-31st** of each burn season month. Burning is allowed both west of and east of Clark Road during the special burn period in the fall.

Burn Hours 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Pile Size 6-foot diameter maximum and 10 foot clearance minimum required.