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Burn Suspension Ended

Felton – With the amount and duration of precipitation this week around the region, CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit is ending its suspension of burn permits for outdoor burning within the State Responsibility Area and in CAL FIRE Contract area's of the following 3 counties:

San Mateo Santa Cruz San Francisco

This suspension which went into effect on September 11, 2018, will
end effective Saturday November 24, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Normal open burning restrictions and guidelines will be back in effect. A campfire permit can be obtained online at PreventWildfireCA.org. Hazard reduction burn permits can be obtained from your local fire station. Additional information on burning can be obtained at www.fire.ca.gov.

CAL FIRE would like to remind the public that even with the ending of the suspension, fire conditions are still elevated over normal winter time conditions. This is due to the ongoing after effects of the multi-year drought and the extended dry period this past summer. When burning, the public is cautioned to be extra vigilant and careful when using this tool. CAL FIRE would like to remind residents that any person can be held both financially and criminally responsible for any fire that escapes their control.

Before you burn, ensure it is a permissive burn day by contacting the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) for Santa Cruz County or Bay Area Air Quality Management District for San Mateo County and make sure you have any and all required burn permits. The urls below will lead you to more information from the respective air district.

San Francisco Bay Area
<http://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/open-burn>

Monterey Bay Area
<http://mbard.org/>

Keep in mind, now is the time to start working on your defensible space around your home for next year's fire season. Beginning fuel reduction projects now allows sufficient time to treat or remove slash generated prior to fire season next summer. As the past decade (and this past month) has shown, fuel conditions have changed and the occurrence of catastrophic wildfires within communities is now a threat we all must prepare for. Defensible space creation is one of the most cost effective and successful tactics for a homeowner.

For more information visit: www.PreventWildfireCA.org or www.fire.ca.gov.

Be Fire Safe!

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