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Burn Permit Suspension Lifted in San Bernardino County

San Bernardino County's burn permit suspension will be lifted, effective Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 at 6:00 a.m.

San Bernardino County Fire Chief/Fire Warden Mark A. Hartwig is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension issued on Sept. 26, 2016 for all areas of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, pursuant to San Bernardino County Fire Protection Ordinance §26.

Permitted burning is allowed in the Divisions noted below with a valid permit:

- **Division 1 – All unincorporated Valley areas including the cities of Fontana and Grand Terrace.**
- **Division 2 – All unincorporated North Desert areas as well as the cities of Adelanto and Hesperia.**
- **Division 3 – All unincorporated High Desert areas as well as the city of Victorville.**
- **Division 5 – All unincorporated South Desert areas as well as the town of Yucca Valley.**
- **River Battalion – All unincorporated River areas including the Parker Dam area, Big River as well as the city of Needles are NOT restricted unless necessary based upon local weather observations by the Battalion Chief assigned to this Battalion.**

Visit sbcfire.org for a map of Division boundaries.

Burning within the State Responsibility Areas still require a valid CAL FIRE burn permit, LE 62-A, issued by a local CAL FIRE fire station.

Covered barbeques as well as recreational fires fueled solely by natural gas or propane are exempt from this suspension. Cooking fires of any type are permissible under permit only when **NO** alternate means of cooking are available.

Open fires conducted in the course of filming and public fireworks displays are exempt if properly permitted and conducted by a licensed professional when the attending Department Fire Safety Officer determines that local climactic conditions are safe.

Residential burning of trash, yard clippings and tree trimmings are **ALWAYS** prohibited in the Mountain and Valley areas, regardless of conditions.

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Regardless of location or permit conditions, **ALL** open fires (except for fires fueled solely by natural gas or propane) must be extinguished during Red Flag or Fire Weather Watch Conditions, when local winds exceed 10 miles per hour or when directed by Fire Department personnel.

Please check with CAL FIRE within State Responsibility Areas, the United States Forest Service within the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, and/or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within outlying desert regions for additional restrictions.

Safely burning vegetation that has been removed by landowners to create defensible space helps mitigate and reduce residential fire hazards. Federal, state, and local land management and fire agencies will conduct prescribed burns during this time to improve forest health on private and public lands.

Unlawful fires may result in administrative or legal action against the person kindling the fire and/or owner of the property on which the fire occurs.

Questions regarding burn permits can be directed to the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal by calling (909) 386-8400.

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