

NEWS RELEASE



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CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief Lifts Suspension on Open Burning

Perris - Following recent rain, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief John R. Hawkins will lift the suspension of open burning Effective at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014, for all local and state responsibility area within Riverside County.

While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, property owners are asked to use caution while conducting outdoor burning. Several factors are considered when determining the severity of fire danger are closely monitored; weather, fuel moisture and vegetation growth are taken into consideration when making the decision to suspend, modify and lift open burning restrictions. CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire urges residents to remain vigilant in doing their part to prepare for and [prevent wildfires](#); which includes maintaining defensible space around homes and property, human and animal evacuation and exit drills in the home

Open burning is defined as:

1. Use of campfires restricted to areas within established campfire facilities, located in established campgrounds open to the public.
2. Agricultural burning in the **Palo Verde Valley** and **Coachella Valley** authorized as required for agricultural rehabilitation.
3. Cooking fires with a valid permit; permissive when no alternate means of cooking is available and requires an on-site inspection prior to the issuance of a permit.
4. Warming fires; permissive and require an on-site inspection prior to the issuance of a permit when weather conditions exist to justify the request.

Tumbleweeds are the *only* vegetation allowable to burn with a fire station issued permit. Burning trash and rubbish is not permitted. [Permits are required.](#)

Click [here](#) to find your closest fire station to obtain a permit.

In accordance with section 4423.2 of the Public Resources Code, state officers having jurisdiction and authorized by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection may issue restricted temporary burning permits whenever it can be shown that burning or use of open fire is essential for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare.

IMPORTANT- Please check the following links for information before you burn;

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/pic>

<http://www.rvcfire.org/onLineServices/Permits/Burning%20Permits>

For more information on fire prevention visit www.PreventWildfireCA.org. For more information on preparing your family and property from an approaching wildfire, visit the www.ReadyForWildfire.org website.

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