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CAL FIRE Burn Permits Required MAY 1st in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties

Fortuna - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Humboldt – Del Norte Unit has announced effective at 6:00 AM, May 1st, 2024, all hazard reduction burning will require a permit in the State Responsibility Areas of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. A North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) burn permit is required any time you burn vegetation. NCUAQMD burn permits can be obtained online at www.ncuaqmd.org, or in person at 707 L Street, Eureka (M-F 9am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm). For more information contact the NCUAQMD by calling (707) 443-3093.

CAL FIRE burn permits must now be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>. Applicants can access the website to obtain a burn permit which involves watching a short educational video and submitting an application. The process provides the necessary information needed to conduct the burn safely, while minimizing the chance for fire escape. Permits must be in possession either by printed copy or digitally. Permits are valid beginning May 1st of each year and require annual renewal. Permits are issued free of charge.

Property owners conducting hazard reduction burning are responsible for checking the burn day status with the NCUAQMD:

Burn Day Information Line:
(707) 443-7665 or
(866) 287-6329 (or 866-BURNDAY)
Burn Zone information is listed on NCUAQMD permit.

Hazard Reduction Guidelines are listed on the CAL FIRE permit and must be followed at all times.

As a reminder, always have a minimum 10-foot clearance down to bare mineral soil around all burn piles, have a shovel and a water source available, and an adult present during burning. Failure to follow these simple precautions may result in a citation and fines. For further information regarding residential burning or other fire safety tips visit your local CAL FIRE Station or go to www.readyforwildfire.org.

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