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## **CAL FIRE Burn Permits Required MAY 1<sup>st</sup> 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 on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, all hazard reduction burning will require a permit in the counties of Humboldt and Del Norte. A North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) burn permit is required year-round, any time you burn vegetation. NCUAQMD burn permits can be obtained online at [www.ncuaqmd.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 by contacting the NCUAQMD:

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

Hazard Reduction Guidelines are listed on the 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, 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, and are common factors causing debris burns to escape control. For further information regarding residential burning or other fire safety tips visit your local CAL FIRE Station or go to [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org).

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