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The Annual Lake County Burn Ban Lifted On November 14, 2016.

The annual Lake County Burn Ban for 2016 is lifted as of 8:00am, November 14, 2016. Lake County's joint Fire Agencies and Air Quality Management District's open burning program has incorporated both fire safety and air quality management since 1987.

Burn permits are required for all outdoor burning in the Lake County Air Basin. Contact your local Fire Agency for a burn permit, or the Lake County Air Quality Management District to obtain a Smoke Management Plan. A Smoke Management Plan is required for all burns over 20 acres in size, multi-day burns, standing vegetation burns, whole tree or vine removals over one acre, and other burns where significant smoke impacts may occur or sensitive receptors may be impacted. A fee is required for all burn permits, payable at the time the permit is issued. Burn permits (Agricultural and Residential) and Smoke Management Plans are \$25, while Land Development/Lot Clearing burn permits are \$76.

Only clean dry vegetation that was grown on the property may be burned. Residential burn permits require a one (1.0) acre or larger lot, a burn location that is located at least 100 ft. from all neighbors, and at least 30 ft. from any structure. Lot Clearing/Land Development burns require special permits available at your local Fire Agency. Burn only the amount of material that can be completely consumed during the allowed burning hours. Read your Burn Permit carefully and follow all the conditions.

Consider using the vegetative waste pickup provided with your waste collection services or composting as an alternative to burning leaves. Contact your local Fire Safe Council for chipping information. For residents of the South Lake Fire Protection District, call 707-987-9841 or go to www.southlakefiresafecouncil.org. For all other areas in Lake County, call 707-262-7089 and leave a message.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. A permit does not allow you to create health problems for others and you can be liable for health care costs, fines and other costs resulting from your burning. Thank you for your cooperation this burn season.