

# LAKE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## **-PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE-**

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## **Annual Lake County Burn Ban Lifted On Monday, November 26, 2018**

The annual Lake County Burn Ban for 2018 is lifted as of 8:00am, Monday, November 26, 2018. Burn permits are required for all outdoor burning in the Lake County Air Basin. Burn Permits will be available for purchase after 10:00am, Monday November 26, 2018.

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 \$27, while Land Development/Lot Clearing burn permits are \$81.

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