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The Annual Lake County Burn Ban Still In Effect

The annual Lake County Burn Ban for 2016 is still in effect. CalFire has lifted their burn permit suspension, which prevents any burning during peak fire season, however they have not declared an end to fire season.

The burn ban includes ALL open waste burning, though exemption burns are now possible, with the lifting of the burn permit suspension by Calfire. These exemptions may include burns for agricultural operations, essential control burns for fire safety projects, public safety burns, specific burns in the Valley Fire recovery areas, and others. To obtain an exemption, first contact the Lake County Air Quality Management District (LCAQMD) to determine need, then your local Fire Protection Agency so that your burn site can be inspected and evaluated for fire safety. Only after the Fire Agency has inspected the burn site and notified the LCAQMD that the proposed burn is fire safe, can you obtain a written exemption permit.

Anyone responsible for open burning during the ban without an exemption permit may be subject to a citation, fines, and the cost of the Fire Agency response to extinguish the fire. Burn restrictions will remain in effect until CalFire declares an end to fire season.

Lake County's joint Fire and Air Quality Management District's open burning program has incorporated both fire safety and air quality management since 1987, and has greatly contributed to our community's superior fire safety and air quality.