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PRESS RELEASE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF LIFTS SUSPENION ON OPEN BURNING

Release Date: November 21st, 2025

Perris, CA – Effective Friday, November 21st, 2025, the burn permit suspension in Riverside County will be lifted. CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief Bill Weiser is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agricultural and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Agricultural burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and increased moisture from rainfall have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agricultural burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain fire control. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

"As we enter the winter season, decreased temperatures and increased rainfall across the region have dictated that permitted open burning can resume. We urge residents to burn safely and ensure they are following all guidelines prior to burning", stated Fire Chief Bill Weiser.

Open burn permits are required in Riverside County. Residents wishing to burn **MUST** verify it is a permissive burn day before burning. Please contact the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) at 866-966-3293 to confirm whether it is a permissible burn day. Residents may also visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-alerts> to sign up for and receive alerts on burning status.

PILE BURNING REQUIREMENTS:

- Residential burning is not permitted in Riverside County, except for tumbleweeds



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- Burning trash, painted wood, or other debris is not allowed
- Do NOT burn on windy days
- Piles should be no larger than three feet high by two feet wide.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles
- Have a shovel and water source nearby
- An adult is required to always be in attendance of the fire

State, Federal and Local land management and fire agencies will also utilize this window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns to improve forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

For questions regarding permitted burning in Riverside County or about this press release, please contact the Public Affairs and Community Education Bureau at (951) 940-6985.

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