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Burn Restrictions Lifted

As a result of cooler temperatures and recent rainfall, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL-FIRE) has lifted the restriction on residential burning on private land in Plumas County under the fire protection of the Plumas National Forest, effective October 11. In other words, if residents obtain their burn permit from the Plumas National Forest, this applies. Residents may burn vegetation debris on private property with a valid permit from 6 to 11 am, provided it is a burn day. Residents are responsible for calling the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to find out if it is a burn day.

CAL-FIRE plans to declare an end to fire season effective October 15, which means residents may burn without a permit during unrestricted hours on burn days.

Air quality (burn day information) telephone numbers within the Plumas County area are:

Portola: (530) 832-4528
Quincy: (530) 283-3602 (LaPorte residents call Quincy)
Greenville: (530) 284-6520
Chester: (530) 258-2588

For air quality reasons, burning is banned entirely (all year long) in the Quincy and East Quincy portions of American Valley (Quincy Fire Protection District).

The burning calendar in the remainder of American Valley (within the Quincy Fire Protection District) is:

- March 16 through April 30 – burn without a permit
- May 1 through June 30 - burn permit required
- July 1 through October 10 - No burning allowed

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- October 11 through October 14 – burn with a valid permit 6-11 am on burn days
- October 15 through November 14 – burn without a permit on burn days
- November 15 through March 15 – No burning allowed

For more information about burning in American Valley, call the AQMD at (530) 283-4654 or the Mt. Hough Ranger District at (530) 283-0555. Please contact a local fire department or CAL-FIRE office for other information about burning on private land.

Helpful Fire Safe Burning Guidelines:

- Burn only clean, dry vegetation waste such as leaves, pine needles, and yard clippings.
- Keep the burn pile to a manageable size, no larger than four feet in diameter.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around the burn pile.
- An adult must be in attendance at all times during burning.
- Keep a shovel at the burning site.
- Have a water supply at the burning site.
- Do not burn on windy days.
- Ensure the fire is out. Check the burn area before leaving it.
- Have a valid burning permit when required.
- Burn only on AQMD approved burn days.

Debris burning is a very effective means of reducing fire hazards around homes and structures if handled properly and safely. However, please remember that the person doing the burning is financially responsible for suppression costs and damages if the debris burn escapes.

FIRE FACT: Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of human-caused fires on private land under fire protection of the Plumas National Forest. In the event of a debris fire escape, call 911. Please be careful and do not hesitate to call for help.

Key points:

- 1) Debris burning restrictions ended on Thursday, October 11, 2007**
- 2) Burn with a valid permit from 6-11 am on burn days only.**
- 3) Call Air Quality Management District to check for burn days.**
- 4) Extinguish ashes completely.**

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