Need a Burn Permit?

A step-by-step guide for residents of Gualala, California to apply for the necessary permits for outdoor burning

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WHAT PERMITS DO I NEED?

1. *Cal Fire Burn Permit*

AND

2. *Air Quality Burn Permit*

YES, you need BOTH permits!

HOW DO I GET THESE PERMITS?

Follow the steps on the next pages

Steps to apply for your

CAL FIRE BURN PERMIT

1. **Visit https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/**
2. **Verify burn status in your area, check burn requirements and alternatives, and apply for a burn permit.**
3. **Select "APPLY"**
4. **Select what type of permit you would like to apply for. It explains each type of burn permit and their terms of qualification.**
5. **Watch the 2 minute video at the bottom of the page and select "yes", certifying that you watched the video. Then click "Next".**
6. **Enter your name, phone number, and email address you would like the permit sent to. Then click "Next".**
7. **Enter the physical address of where the burn will take place. You may type the address into the search bar on the map and follow prompts to verify the location. Click "Next".**
8. **Enter your mailing address. Click "Next".**
9. **Confirmation number will be listed at the top. Read through all terms and conditions. Select "No" unless you are burning on tribal lands. Then sign your name.**
10. **Then select "Submit".**

No payment for this permit is needed.

Questions? Call (707) 459-7414

Steps to apply for your

AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT

1. **Visit https://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/aqmd/burning.html.**
    i. **Here you can see burn day status, air quality, and other burn information.**
2. **Hover your cursor over the "Burning" tab at the top of the page and click on "Burn Permit Application" at the top of the drop-down list.**
3. **Read the application instructions and fill out your information.**
4. **Fill out Section IV to the best of your ability. Utilize the blue "i" circle near each row to obtain further details on what information they are requesting.**
5. **Read section V, if you believe it applies then you will have to contact Air Quality for additional filing. If not, select "no".**
6. **Click the button on the bottom of the page to submit application and then follow the instructions for making an online payment.**
7. **Air Quality permits take approximately 2 weeks to process.**

Online payment of $23 is required.

Questions? Call (707) 463-4354

I got my two approved permits. How do I know when I can burn?

CAN I BURN TODAY?

Even with burn permits in hand, you *must* take a few steps each day before you burn:

- **Call Mendocino County Air Quality to see if it is a permissive burn day (707)463-4391 or visit https://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/aqmd/index.html**
- **Visit Cal Fire's website and check the current burn status in Mendocino County at https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/current-burn-status/**
- **Follow all required steps on each permit**

Important notes:

- **No unattended burning**
- **Must have both permits at scene of the burn pile**
- **Follow "Conditions of Use" specified on your permits**
- **Have a water supply ready nearby**
- **Have a telephone accessible in case of emergency**
- **YOU are the responsible party if your burn pile escapes**
- **For questions you are welcome to reach out to South Coast Fire Protection District, however we do not manage these permits and may refer you directly to Cal Fire or Mendocino County Air Quality Management District for further assistance. All contact information can be found in this guide.**

IF YOUR BURN ESCAPES CONTROL
CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY