BUTTE COUNTY RESIDENTS, FIND YOUR PATH TO GOOD .....

START HERE: Are you inside an incorporated town or city?

Yes → Consult your town fire dept!

No → Is **the burn permit suspension** in effect?

Yes → You can't get a permit yet, much less burn. But you **can and should** start writing your burn plan, mapping the areas you want to burn, and training on your equipment so you'll be ready to go as soon as that suspension is lifted! If you'd like support, contact your Butte PBA, goodfire@bcrcd.org!

No → Great, then you can apply for a permit, where needed. Are you burning piles or doing a broadcast burn (underburn)?

Just piles! → Are all your piles small (4 ft wide by 4 ft long by 4 ft high, or less)? (Note: if your lot is less than 1 ac, your piles MUST be this small)

Yep → OK! You won't need any Air Quality permit – just make sure you only burn on permissive residential burn days (Call 530-332-9407 daily to find out and hear rules specific to your area). You can get your CAL FIRE permit **online**. No need to call the station. Follow those burn permit instructions, be smoke-conscious by keeping your piles 25' from any occupied structure and only burning dry material from your own ground; use common sense & have fun!

No: Some of my piles are bigger than that → Cool. Are you burning your large piles yourself or is a contractor doing this work for you?

I'm doing it myself → OK! You **don't** need an AQ* permit. (But, call **530-332-9407** before you burn to make sure it's a burn day.) But your big piles **do** need a CAL FIRE permit. Contact your local station and they will issue you an LE-5*.

I'm paying a contractor → OK! Your contractor **does** need an Air Quality permit as well as a CAL FIRE permit. The contractor should know this & handle it for you.

Bigger broadcast burn, >10 ac (in a day)! → OK! You need an AQ permit ($30, lasts 1 year). You'll also need an SMP* ($140, lasts 1 year). (When you get your AQ permit, ask the AQ officer to help you create your SMP. This is probably easier than creating your own PFIRS account & making your SMP online, but that's an option too.) You'll also need a CAL FIRE LE-7 & LE-8 (free, lasts a short time). Contact your local CAL FIRE station for an inspection and that permit. Finally, you'll need both CAL FIRE (phone # is on your permit) and AQ (530-332-9406) final authorization before you light!

Small broadcast burn, < 10 acres (in a day) → Is your burn site below 1000' in elevation?

Yes → OK! You need an AQ permit ($30, good for a year) but you don't need a Smoke Management Plan/SMP. You likely qualify for the simpler CAL FIRE permit (LE-5). Contact your local CAL FIRE station for a free inspection and permit. You still need both AQ (530-332-9406) and CAL FIRE (# on your permit) final authorization before you light!

No → Is your burn pretty small (like an acre, ish?) and flat?

Yes → OK! You need an AQ permit ($30, lasts 1 year) but you don't need an SMP. You also need a CAL FIRE LE-7 & LE-8 (free, lasts a short time-- Contact your local CAL FIRE station). Finally, you'll need both CAL FIRE (# is on your permit) and AQ (530-332-9406) final authorization before you light!

No, my burn will be bigger or more complex than that....

EXCEPTIONS.....Per SB 332, cultural burners may be exempt from some permits. Plus, state and local policy changes ALL THE TIME. We will work hard to keep this chart updated, but if you have questions, write us. We are here to support you! Love, -Your Prescribed Burn Association goodfire@bcrcd.org

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*AQ = Air Quality. In addition to the $30 fee you'll also pay $1 for each acre you burn. **SMP** = Smoke Management Plan. An "**LE-5**" is CAL FIRE's permit for smallish, simple burns and most piles. It may require less resources on hand when you burn, and it lasts longer, than an LE-7. An **LE-7** is CAL FIRE's permit to burn larger areas. It is often only good for 1-2 days to weeks (but can be renewed as long as conditions are good). **LE-8,** the "minimum precautions for burning," accompanies any LE-7.

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