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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.** You likely qualify for the simpler CAL FIRE permit (LE-5). To get it, go [online](http://www.http://www.calfire.ca.gov/), upload some details and an accurate map, and schedule an inspection! Finally, you’ll need both CAL FIRE (phone # is on your permit) and AQ (530-332-9406) final authorization before you light!

**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](http://www.http://www.calfire.ca.gov/) & 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). To get it, go [online](http://www.http://www.calfire.ca.gov/), upload some details and an accurate map, and schedule an inspection! Finally, you’ll need both CAL FIRE (phone # is on your permit) and AQ (530-332-9406) final authorization before you light!

**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@bcrccd.org](mailto:goodfire@bcrccd.org)**

*Last updated: 2/15/2023*

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Just piles!

Small broadcast burn, < 10 acres (in a day)

Is your burn site below 1000' in elevation?

No

Yes

Is your burn pretty small (like an acre, ish?) and flat?

No

Yes

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