

Safe Debris Burning

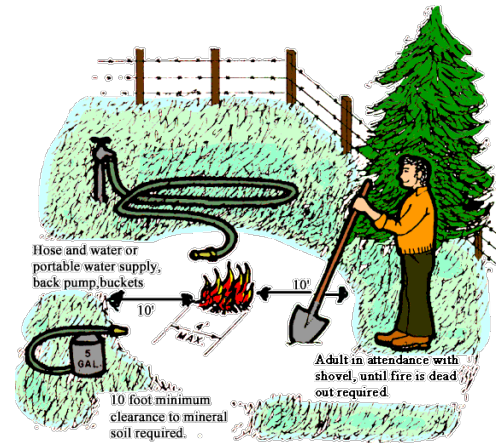


Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of person caused wildfires in Plumas County. Most of these fires occur during time periods when burn permits are not required. Burning on windy days with no clearance around piles and leaving your pile unattended are sure ways for your pile to escape.

It is a good idea to follow these same safe burning practices year round.

BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON NO BURN DAYS.

1. **Prior to burning** you must call the Air Pollution Control District to see if it is a permissive burn day: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District: Portola 832-4528 and Quincy 283-3602
2. **Do not burn when wind conditions are such that burning is not safe. Should winds increase while burning you should stop burning operations.**



PLEASE NOTE: THE LACK OF PRECIPITATION THIS WINTER MAY NECESSITATE AN EARLY BURN SUSPENSION. PLEASE KEEP INFORMED ABOUT BURN SUSPENSIONS BY CONTACTING THE USFS RANGER STATION AT 530-836-2575.

3. If a burn escapes your control, you should seek help immediately. Wildfires can spread very quickly. A fast response from the fire department can reduce suppression cost considerably. Remember, you may be billed for suppression costs, so the sooner you seek help the better the outcome may be.
4. Simple common sense can greatly reduce the chance of an escape. If you don't feel it's safe to conduct a burn, then don't.

Remember, the safety of your property and home, your neighbor's property and home is in your hands.

1. Keep your pile size to 4 feet in diameter.
2. Clear the area within 10 feet of the outer edge of pile of all flammable material and vegetation.
3. Adult should be in attendance with shovel until fire is dead out.
4. Water supply at burning site.
5. No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.