



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



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MEDIA RELEASE

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North Tahoe Fire and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts Prohibit ALL Open Burning and Recreational Fires

Tahoe City, Calif. June 17, 2024 – On Monday, June 10, 2024, the CALFIRE AEU Unit suspended burn permits for the season, and on Monday, June 17, 2024, CALFIRE NEU followed suit, resulting in full suspension of residential burn permits in the Tahoe Basin. These are the triggers that prompt North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD), Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (MBFPD), and Alpine Springs CWD jurisdictions to activate local fire restrictions by suspending all solid fuel recreational fires and open burning. The suspension takes effect Monday and will remain in effect through the remainder of the fire season.

Following the adoption of the 2022 Fire Code, ONLY Natural Gas (NG) or Propane (LPG) outdoor firepits, barbecues, and pellet grills/smokers are allowed year-round except during **Red Flag**/critical fire weather conditions. All these appliances must be utilized following the manufacturer's recommendations. Open-flame devices such as tiki torches and all fireworks, including sparklers and firecrackers, are illegal in California year-round. For reports of hazardous/illegal campfires, people should call 9-1-1, and illegal fireworks activity should be reported to local law enforcement.

All sources of open flames, including Natural Gas (NG) or Propane (LPG) outdoor firepits, barbecues, and pellet grills/smokers are prohibited during **Red Flag**/critical fire weather conditions. Red Flag Watches and Warnings of critical fire weather in the Tahoe Basin are issued by the [National Weather Service, Reno](#).

Here are some tips to help prepare homes and properties for wildfire:

- Maintain at least 5 feet free of combustible material around each structure.
- For a distance of at least 30 feet from the home, keep the area Lean, Clean, and Green.
- Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from all structures.
- Landscape with [fire-resistant](#)
- Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris through chipping or green waste collection opportunities.

For additional information on how to create Defensible Space, tips to prevent wildfires, and ways to prepare for emergencies and evacuations, visit www.TahoeLivingWithFire.com.

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2024 FIRE SEASON RESTRICTIONS



**TYPICALLY JUNE - NOVEMBER*
FIRE RESTRICTIONS
GAS FIRE PITS ALLOWED



LPG OR NATURAL GAS FIREPITS, PORTABLE OR BUILT-IN
GAS/LPG BARBECUES ALLOWED



PROPANE



NATURAL GAS



PELLET

WOOD & CHARCOAL BURNING BANNED



WOOD BURNING FIRE PITS, CHIMINEAS AND CHARCOAL BBQS ARE BANNED

ALL FORMS OF OPEN FLAME ARE PROHIBITED DURING RED FLAG/CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A red flag warning is the highest alert and is issued for weather events which may result in **extreme fire behavior**.