

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## Amador- El Dorado Unit

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### **CAL FIRE Suspends Outdoor Residential Burning**

**Camino** – As drought conditions continue to increase fire danger in the region, CAL FIRE has suspended all burn permits for outdoor open residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento, and Alpine counties. This suspension takes effect 8:00 a.m. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris including branches and leaves.

“Conditions throughout our region have become such that it is no longer safe for the public to perform residential debris burning. We need the public to be extra diligent and perform defensible space clearances early in the morning and with the right tools,” said Mike Kaslin CAL FIRE Amador- El Dorado Unit Chief.

“With record-setting drought conditions we must take every step possible to prevent new wildfires from starting,” said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director. “One Less Spark, means One Less Wildfire.”

Similar to last year, CAL FIRE has already responded to significantly more wildfires than in an average. CAL FIRE is asking residents to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires including maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of Defensible Space around every home.

Here are some tips to help prepare your home and property:

- Clear all dead or dying vegetation 100 feet around all structures.
- Landscape with fire resistant/drought tolerant plants
- Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy facility

The department may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health, safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training, and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit.

Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property that are otherwise permitted will be allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland.

For additional information on preparing for and preventing wildfires visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

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