



## Shasta County Air Quality Management District

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### **Shasta County Air Quality Management District Announces Revisions to Open Burning Regulations Effective November 1, 2022**

SHASTA COUNTY, Calif. — Shasta County Air Quality Management District (District) is pleased to share that on November 1, 2022, the Shasta County Air Pollution Control Board approved amendments to District Rules 2:6, 2:7, 2:8, and 2:9 relating to open burning.

In response to requests made by CAL Fire and the City of Redding Fire Department, District rules have been amended to allow residential open burning to occur as follows:

Based on a CAL Fire request, the District has modified Rule 2:6 by removing the long-standing November 1 to April 30 burn period (burn season) and replaced it with language that allows burning to be conducted on “permissive burn days”. This change is intended to increase the allowable burn period when weather conditions are appropriate; thereby giving residents of Shasta County additional opportunities to burn, and in turn increase wildfire preparedness.

Also, the District received a request from the City of Redding Fire Department to modify the allowable residential open burning period for City of Redding residents. Previously, City of Redding residents were permitted to conduct residential open burning only during the months of November and April. Based on the recent revision, City of Redding residents will be permitted to burn on all affirmative burn days with an annual burn permit issued by the City of Redding.

Additionally, the allowable daily burn period for all residents has been changed to allow open burning to begin at 9:00 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m., giving residents one additional hour on each permissive burn day to conduct burning activities. Technical advances in recent years have enabled the District to determine daily burn status earlier in the day which in turn makes it possible for the District to inform the public earlier in the day.

For additional information please visit the Shasta County Air Quality Management District’s website at: <https://www.shastacounty.gov/air-quality/page/burn-day-information>



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