



# Mt. Shasta Fire Department News Release

## Siskiyou County Burn Ban Lifted

**MT SHASTA-** The Mt Shasta Fire Department has lifted the suspension of residential burning, effective **6:00 a.m. Monday, November 2, 2015**. The City of Mt Shasta is formally cancelling the burn suspension and advises that people possessing current and valid agricultural and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Agricultural burning permits must be inspected by the City Fire Chief prior to burning.

Burn permits are required in the City of Mt Shasta. While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, we are still in the fourth year of drought. Residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris burns, follow all guidelines and maintain control of their fire at all times.

### **Dooryard Burning Requirements**

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings that originated on the property may be burned.
- The burning of household garbage is **NOT** allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a water source on hand such as a charged garden hose or a minimum of a 5 gallon water extinguisher.
- Fires should never be left unattended. A responsible adult must be in attendance at all times.
- Property owners will be held civilly and criminally liable if a fire escapes their control and/or burns on to neighboring property.

Contact Mt Shasta Fire Department or City Hall to acquire the proper permit. **Residents must call Siskiyou County Air Pollution Board at (530) 842-8123 to confirm it is a permissive burn day and to confirm the burn times prior to starting their burn.**

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, Federal and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health on private and public lands.