

## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## VCFD announces suspension of burn ban

CAMARILLO, Calif. – The Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD), in cooperation with CAL FIRE, is lifting the burn permit suspension in state and local responsibility areas within the County of Ventura. These changes are in response to improvements in predicted fire weather conditions and availability of fire protection resources.

Property owners and residents are advised to use extreme caution when conducting agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable if a fire escapes their control and/ or burns onto neighboring property.

Current and valid agriculture burns can now resume on permissible days with a valid burn permit. Please contact the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) at (805) 654-2807 on the evening prior to planned burning for the current burn status. All burning must comply with air pollution control district rule 56 open fire.

Burn projects must be inspected and approved by fire officials prior to a permit being issued. VCFD may impose restrictions or additional requirements based on the prevention of fire spread and ability of the land manager to extinguish the project rapidly. To obtain an agricultural burn permit, contact a local VCFD fire station.

For more information on fire stations, burn permits, defensible space and preparedness, visit the Ventura County Fire Department's website at <u>www.VCFD.org</u>.

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