

LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake Valley Fire Protection District Prohibits ALL Open Burning and Recreational Fires

Meyers, Calif. June 19, 2025 – On Saturday, June 14, 2025, the CALFIRE AEU suspended burn permits for the season, and on Monday, June 23, 2025, CALFIRE NEU followed suit, resulting in full suspension of residential burn permits in the Tahoe Basin. These are the triggers that prompt Lake Valley Fire Protection District jurisdictions to activate local fire restrictions by suspending all solid fuel recreational fires and open burning. The suspension takes effect Monday, June 23rd, 8:00 AM and will remain in effect throughout 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 a home, keep the area Lean, Clean, and Green.
- Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from all structures.
- Landscape with [fire-resistant](#) plants.
- 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.

2025 FIRE RESTRICTIONS - EFFECTIVE JUNE 23, 2025

TYPICALLY, JUNE – NOVEMBER



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ALLOWED

USE OF OUTDOOR NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, AND PELLET FIRE PITS & BBQ
DEVICES (PORTABLE OR BUILT-IN)



NOT ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED

USE OF OUTDOOR WOOD OR CHARCOAL BURNING FIRE PITS, CHIMINEAS,
SMOKERS, AND BBQ DEVICES IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE



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

ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 TO REPORT ANY BURNING DURING RED
FLAG/CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER

A RED FLAG WARNING IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF ALERT ISSUED
FOR WEATHER EVENTS THAT RESULT IN EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR.

VISIT THE WWW.WEATHER.GOV FOR CURRENT RED FLAG
WARNING/CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER



FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
FIRE RESTRICTIONS MAY DIFFER FOR SELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL CAMPGROUNDS