

Nevada County Broadcast Burn Permitting Guide

Broadcast burning is an effective way to reduce fuel loads and manage vegetation on your property. Understanding local permit requirements is important for conducting safe and legal broadcast burns. **This factsheet provides guidance for homeowners conducting broadcast burns located in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) throughout Nevada County. This factsheet does not apply to areas outside of the SRA or to other types of burning.** If you are located outside the SRA or have questions about other types of burning, contact your local fire department and the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD).

Broadcast Burn Permit Checklist: Nevada County

Check CAL FIRE Permit Requirements

Step 1: Check CAL FIRE Burn Season Status to determine whether a permit is required: <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/current-burn-status> (search for Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit).

Step 2: Create a written burn plan (if required): a written burn plan must be submitted with a burn permit (LE-7) application.

Step 3: Apply for CAL FIRE Broadcast Burn Permit (LE-7; if required) at local CAL FIRE Kiosk or online: <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>.

Permits are free but period of validity varies based on the project or permit type. For more information contact your local CAL FIRE representative.

Step 4: Conduct site visit of proposed burn unit with CAL FIRE Representative (If LE-7 is required): A site visit to ensure all necessary preparation work has been completed must be conducted to obtain a CAL FIRE LE-7 Broadcast Burn Permit.

Check Northern Sierra AQMD Permit Requirements

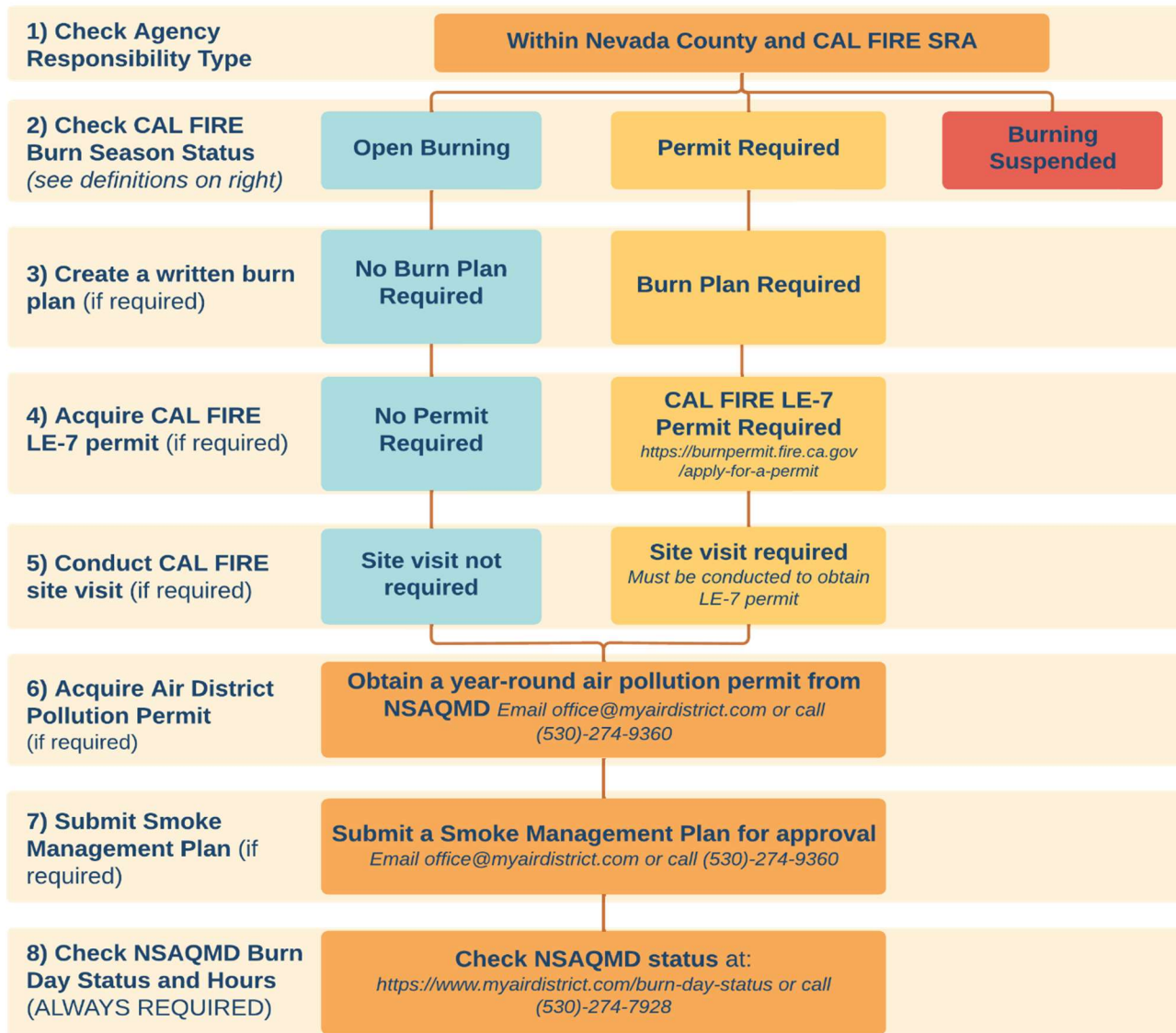
Step 5: Obtain a NSAQMD year-round air pollution permit. Air pollution permits are always required for broadcast burns over 1 acre in size. Permit application can be submitted via <https://www.myairdistrict.com/> or by calling **(530) 274-9360**. Note air pollution permit costs will vary depending on your burn type.

Step 6: Submit a Smoke Management Plan for approval (If required): A Smoke Management Plan (SMP) is required when the area of land to be burned is greater than 10 acres. SMPs may be submitted directly to the NSAQMD or to the Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS; <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/index.php>). Call **(530) 274-9360** or email office@myairdistrict.com for details.

Verify that it is a Permissible Burn Day (must check daily)

Step 7: Check NSAQMD Burn Day Status: visit <https://www.myairdistrict.com/burn-day-status> or call **(530) 274-7928**.

Your ability to conduct broadcast burns will depend on local **CAL FIRE Burn Season Status** and **Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Burn Day Status** on the day you burn. See the table on the right for definitions as identified by CAL FIRE and Northern Sierra AQMD.



CAL FIRE Burn Season Status Definitions	
Open Burning:	Burning allowed; no CAL FIRE permit required.
Permit Required:	CAL FIRE permit required for broadcast burning.
Burning Suspended:	All broadcast burning banned. Any active permits are no longer valid.
Permits are always required beginning May 1 st , but the local CAL FIRE unit may declare "Permit Required" and "Burning Suspended" status earlier based on annual precipitation and weather conditions.	
Northern Sierra AQMD Burn Day Status Definitions	
Permissive Burn Day:	Broadcast burning allowed with valid AQMD permit.
No Burn Day:	No burning allowed.
AQMD Burn Day status must be followed even when CAL FIRE burn permit is required.	

This chart is intended to aid permitting compliance for broadcast burning within the State Responsibility Area in Nevada County.