

Placer 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 to conducting safe and legal broadcast burns. **This factsheet provides guidance for homeowners conducting broadcast burns located in State Responsibility Area (SRA) throughout Placer County. This factsheet does not apply to areas outside of the SRA or to other types of burning.** If you are located outside an SRA or have questions about other types of burning, contact your local fire department and the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD).

Broadcast Burn Permit Checklist: Placer 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 Placer County APCD Permit Requirements

Step 4: Obtain a PCACPD year-round burn permit. Burn permits are always required for broadcast burning. Note burn permit costs will vary depending on burn type. Call **(530) 745-2330** or email pcapcd-burnpermit@placer.ca.gov for details.

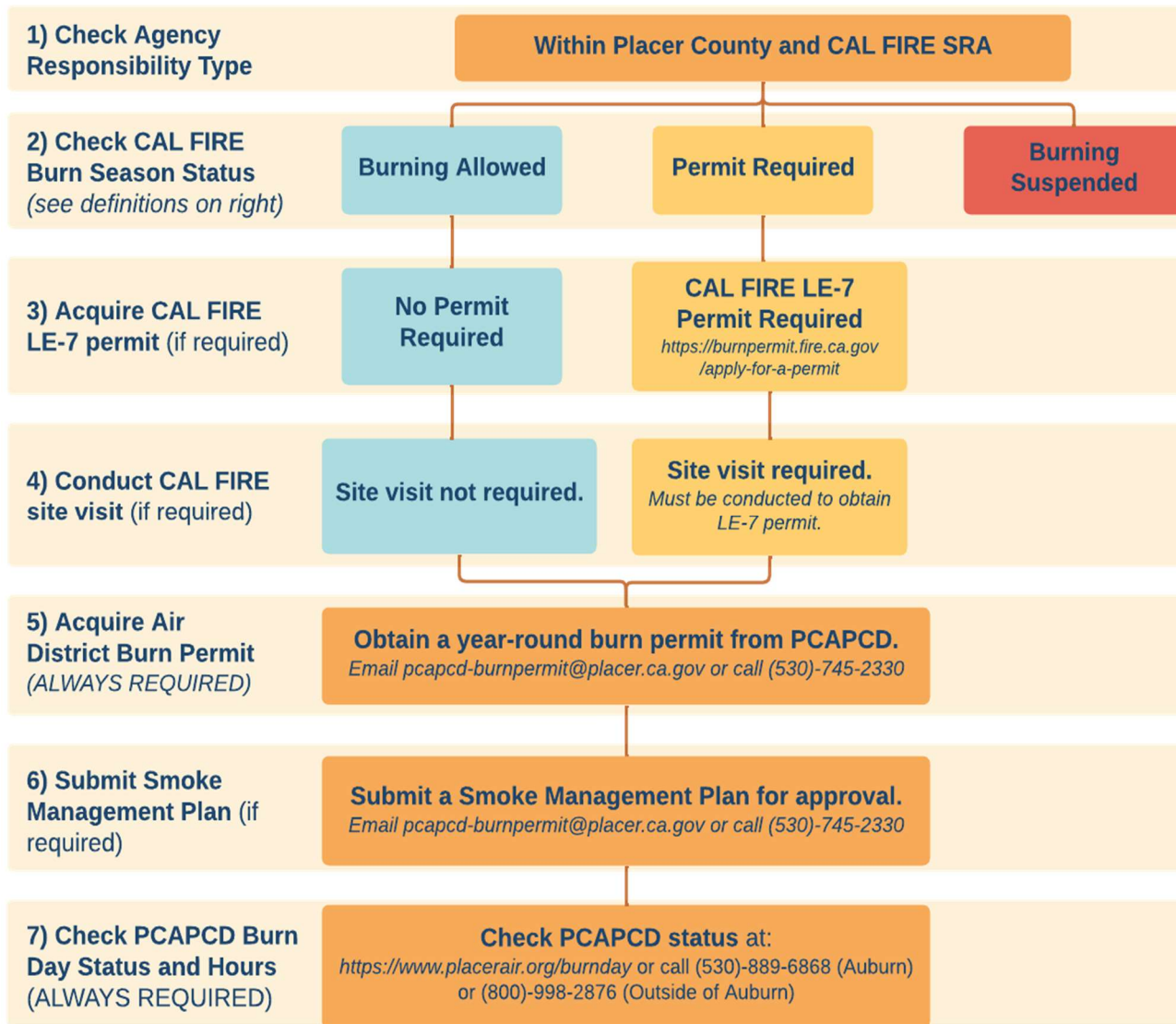
Step 5: Submit a Smoke Management Plan for approval (If required): A Smoke Management Plan (SMP) is required when the area of land to be burned is greater than 10 acres, has calculated PM10 emissions of more than 1 ton, or is in a smoke sensitive area. SMPs may be submitted to the PCAPCD or to the Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS; <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/index.php>). Call **(530) 745-2330** or email pcapcd-burnpermit@placer.ca.gov for details.

Smoke sensitive areas include places where smoke or air pollutants may adversely affect public health or welfare including schools, hospitals, recreation areas, or population areas.

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

Step 6: Check PCAPCD Burn Day Status: <https://www.placerair.org/burnday> or **(530) 889-6868** (Auburn) or **(800) 998-2876** (Outside of Auburn).

Your ability to conduct broadcast burns will depend on local **CAL FIRE Burn Season Status** and **Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Burn Day Status** on the day you burn. See the table on the right for definitions as identified by CAL FIRE and Placer County APCD.



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 1st, but the local CAL FIRE unit may declare “Permit Required” and “Burning Suspended” status earlier based on annual precipitation and weather conditions.	
Placer County APCD Burn Day Status Definitions	
Permissive Burn Day:	Broadcast burning allowed with valid APCD permit.
No Burn Day:	No burning allowed.
APCD 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 Placer County.