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## Suspension of Residential Outdoor Burning Continues

**Felton**– The suspension of residential outdoor burning of landscape debris that took effect on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 continues. This continuation of the burning suspension is due to hazardous fuel conditions and lack of significant rainfall. The suspension does not apply to campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property. Campfires may be permitted if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland.

This year CAL FIRE responded to 7,786 fires for 2,155,852 acres. This includes the devastating CZU Lighting Complex that started in August and burned 86,509 acres.

It is never too early to work on your defensible space. CAL FIRE is asking residents to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires by maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of defensible space around every home and building on their property.

CAL FIRE may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health and safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training, and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit.

For additional information on how to create Defensible Space, on how to be prepared for wildfires, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org)

