



PRESS RELEASE

Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team

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Recreational fires and charcoal banned in the Lake Tahoe/Truckee Region

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LAKE TAHOE, Calif./Nev. – The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) reminds residents and visitors that recreational fires, including campfires, bonfires, warming fires, wood fires, charcoal fires, or any other kind of outdoor fires, involving solid fuels are not permitted on public or private property including residential properties, vacation/short-term rentals, campgrounds, resorts and other recreational areas throughout the Lake Tahoe/Truckee Region until the end of November or until rescinded.

Hot, dry weather and significant wildfire activity across California and Nevada along with the increase in National Preparedness to the highest level and limited availability of national and regional firefighting resources has prompted the Lake Tahoe/Truckee Region's fire and land management agencies to implement these enhanced restrictions to protect our communities, wildlife and forests.

Additionally, all sources of outdoor open flames including outdoor gas appliances such as pressurized gas fire pits, grills, and portable stoves are not permitted during Red Flag Warnings. Red Flag Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service to indicate critical fire weather conditions are occurring or imminent. Outdoor pressurized gas appliances are allowed during non-Red Flag Warning days.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. Remember, it's not a matter "if" the next wildfire will occur, it's a matter of "when." Learn how to prepare your home, family, and neighborhood for the next wildfire at <https://www.tahoelivingwithfire.com/>.

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TRUCKEE-TAHOE AREA OUTDOOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS		WOOD AND CHARCOAL BANNED BANNED	
    	    	<p>Residential campfires/bonfires that burn anything other than gas</p> <p>BBQs that burn charcoal, wood, or lump charcoal</p> <p>Ceramic charcoal grills (i.e., Big Green Egg)</p> <p>Briquette fuel-based smokers</p> <p>Wood shavings added for flavor</p>	
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	Outdoor gas appliances	 	
	Gas portable fire pits	 	
	Gas BBQs	 	
	Pellet burning devices *	 	
	Wood pellet fuel-based BBQs and smokers *	 	
<p>* Pellet devices, BBQs and smokers are not allowed at USFS beaches, campgrounds or recreation sites.</p> <p>RED FLAG WEATHER = ALL FLAMES BANNED</p>			

About the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) consists of representatives of Tahoe Basin fire agencies, CAL FIRE, Nevada Division of Forestry and related state agencies, University of California and Nevada Cooperative Extensions, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the USDA Forest Service, conservation districts from both states, the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Our Mission is to protect lives, property and the environment within the Lake Tahoe Basin from wildfire by implementing prioritized fuels reduction projects and engaging the public in becoming a Fire Adapted Community.

For more information about the TFFT, visit www.tahoelivingwithfire.com/about/.