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CAL FIRE San Mateo – Santa Cruz Unit Bans All Burning

Felton – As of Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) San Mateo – Santa Cruz Unit has banned all outdoor burning.

This is due to the extreme menace of destruction by fire to life, improved property and natural resources caused by critical fire weather, acute dryness of vegetation and fire suppression forces being heavily committed to control fires within Northern California.

This ban affects all state responsibility area lands within the counties of San Mateo and Santa Cruz and all CAL FIRE contract areas within same counties.

All campfires, open pit fires, open pit cooking fires, warming fires and ceremonial burns are prohibited.

The only exception would be a fire with all of the following protection measures:

- *Completely contained in a metal or ceramic fire pit no larger than 18" wide and 12" deep,*
- *Completely covered by a ¼" or smaller mesh screen*
- *10' of bare mineral soil clearance around the pit*
- *No flames taller than 12".*
- *In a designated campfire area with written permission of the landowner*
- *Under the direct supervision of an adult having appropriate fire suppression tools including water.*

Keep in mind, now is the time to start **planning** your defensible space around your home for next year's fire season. This will allow adequate time to obtain the tools and other resources needed to adequately prepare your property during the wet season.

For more information visit: www.PreventWildfireCA.org or www.fire.ca.gov.

Be Fire Safe!

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