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OPEN BURN SEASON REINSTATED

Felton – Today **OPEN BURN** Season within the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County has been reinstated. Open Burn season is effective as of December 18, 2007 – April 30, 2008. Burning out of season may result in a citation and you could be liable for ALL fire suppression costs.

Open burning will be conducted only on days designated as BURN DAYS by Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. Legal burn days are broadcasted over local radio or you may call 1-800-225-2876 to confirm the burn day status.

The burn regulations are listed below:

Check with your local Fire Department prior to burning to determine whether a permit is required.

1. Only yard trimmings and brush originating on the premises of one- or two-family dwellings may be burned.
2. Maximum pile size – 4 foot diameter
3. No burning of any waste material such as, household garbage, tires, construction material, plastic, tar paper, or poison oak will be allowed
4. Area within 10 feet of the outer edge of burn pile will be maintained free and clear of all flammable material and vegetation.
5. A garden hose connected to a water supply shall be readily available for use at open burning sites. A competent adult, with a shovel, shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished. No burning after dark.
6. Open burning may be immediately discontinued if it is determined that it constitutes a hazardous condition.
7. All Burning In An Incinerator Is Prohibited.

This information in no way relieves your responsibilities to neighboring properties and to burn in the prescribed manner. No person shall allow a fire kindled or attended by them to escape their control. Failure to burn within the requirements of the law may result in a citation and you may be liable for all fire suppression costs.