



North Tahoe Fire Protection District

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MEDIA RELEASE

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North Tahoe Fire Protection District Prohibits ALL Open Burning and Recreational Fires

Tahoe City, Calif. – June 15, 2026 – Following the suspension of residential burn permits by CAL FIRE, North Tahoe Fire Protection District and Alpine Springs County Water District are implementing local fire restrictions effective Monday, June 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. The restrictions will remain in place for the duration of fire season.

Under the 2022 Fire Code, all open burning and solid-fuel recreational fires are prohibited during fire season.

Only Natural Gas (NG) and Propane (LPG) outdoor fire pits, barbecues, and pellet grills/smokers are permitted during fire season and must be operated according to the manufacturer's instructions. However, all outdoor flame-producing devices, including gas and propane appliances, are prohibited during **Red Flag Warnings** and other critical fire weather conditions.

Open-flame devices such as tiki torches and all fireworks, including sparklers and firecrackers are illegal in California year-round.

To report hazardous or illegal campfires, call 9-1-1. Illegal fireworks activity should be reported to local law enforcement at (530) 886-5375.

Red Flag Warnings and Watches for the Tahoe Basin are issued by the [National Weather Service Reno](#).

Residents are encouraged to take steps now to prepare their homes and properties for wildfire:

- Maintain at least 5 feet of noncombustible space around structures.
- Keep the area within 30 feet of your home Lean, Clean, and Green.
- Remove dead or dying vegetation within 100 feet of structures.
- [Landscape with fire-resistant plants](#).
- Use chipping programs or green waste collection services to dispose of vegetation.

For information about defensible space, wildfire preparedness, and evacuation planning, visit [TahoeLivingWithFire.com](#).

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2026 FIRE RESTRICTIONS - EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2026



TYPICALLY, JUNE – NOVEMBER

NORTH TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ALLOWED

USE OF OUTDOOR NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, AND PELLET FIRE PITS & BBQ DEVICES (PORTABLE OR BUILT-IN)



NOT ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED

USE OF OUTDOOR WOOD OR CHARCOAL BURNING FIRE PITS, CHIMINEAS, SMOKERS, AND BBQ DEVICES IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE



ALL FORMS OF OPEN FLAME ARE PROHIBITED DURING RED FLAG/CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS

ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 TO REPORT ANY BURNING DURING RED FLAG/CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER

A RED FLAG WARNING IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF ALERT ISSUED FOR WEATHER EVENTS THAT RESULT IN EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR.

VISIT THE WWW.WEATHER.GOV FOR CURRENT RED FLAG WARNING/CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER



**FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
FIRE RESTRICTIONS MAY DIFFER FOR SELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL CAMPGROUNDS**