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BURN HOURS EXTENDED IN GRANITE BAY ONLY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Placer County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and the South Placer Fire Protection District (District) have agreed to implement extended burn hours for the month of May that were recommended by the community's municipal advisory council (MAC). For the month of May if it is a burn day between the 1st and 15th of the month burn hours are 8 am to 7 pm. This change affects residents who live in the 95661 and 95746 zip codes, which primarily serves Granite Bay.

Currently, residential burning in Granite Bay is allowed on days approved by the Air Pollution Control District and by the South Placer Fire Protection District in conjunction with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Residents <u>must</u> obtain a year round burn permit from the South Placer Fire Protection District in order to burn. They do not need a permit from the Air Pollution Control District, but must follow the APCD's guidelines, which include burning only dry vegetation (lawnclippings are illegal) and preventing a smoke nuisance to your neighbors. Burn Day information is posted daily on a telephone hotline, 530-889-6868 or 1-800-998-BURN. Specific Granite Bay hours are included in the Granite Bay burn day information hotline message.

The extended hours are a small adjustment to provide additional time to burn vegetation before fire season and to take advantage of daylight savings time. This change only affects the month of May. Beginning June 1, burn hours will be returned to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the first through the 15th on authorized burn days. The 16th through the end of each month throughout the year continue to be designated "no burn days".

Agricultural burning and other non-residential burning permitted by APCD will not be affected by these changes.

The extended hours were developed by a sub-committee of the MAC – the Residential Burn Compromise Committee – a group formed in March of 2002 to reconcile the conflicting needs of residents regarding residential burning. The Granite Bay MAC voted to recommend the changes in March of 2005.

The Placer County Air Pollution Control District works together with South Placer Fire Protection District to enforce burn regulations in the Granite Bay area.

Another option for managing unwanted vegetation is a free chipping service managed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which serves under contract as the Placer County Fire Department. For more information, call 530-889-0111 Ext. 3.