

NEWS RELEASE

CAL FIRE SAN LUIS OBISPO UNIT

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DECLARATION OF FIRE SEASON AND BACKYARD BURNING SUSPENSION

PROCLAMATION: EFFECTIVE MAY 4TH, 2026

San Luis Obispo, CA – Due to increasing fire danger from warming temperatures, drying vegetation, and below normal rainfall, CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit is declaring the start of fire season and suspending backyard burning.

Effective at 0800 hours on May 4th, 2026, the Declaration of Fire Season is in effect and **backyard burning of residential yard debris is prohibited** within:

ALL STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA LANDS WITHIN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 4423(b), this suspension applies to all APCD-issued Backyard Burn Permits and will remain in effect until the end of fire season.

Other burning (agricultural, range improvement, hazard reduction) requires valid Burn Permit from CAL FIRE and APCD and must comply with LE-5 and LE-7 requirements. Campfires are allowed where permitted if properly maintained.

This proclamation remains in effect until formally terminated.

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