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## **Rain allows cautious, permitted burning to resume on Kenai**

**(Kenai, AK)** – Moderating weather and increased precipitation on the Kenai Peninsula have prompted the Division of Forestry to lift the two-month long burn permit suspension as of 8 a.m. today, opening the way for cautious, permitted burning.

Concerns that the COVID-19 pandemic could make it impossible to rely on Lower 48 firefighting resources this summer led the division to reduce the chances of human-caused fires by suspending issuance of burn permits as of May 1. The suspension remained in place due to high fire danger until recent rain lowered the risk.

With the burn permit suspension lifted, residents may now burn small brush piles or use burn barrels with a small-scale burn permit. Small-scale burn permits can be obtained online at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn> and at local fire departments. Those burning should follow the safe burning guidelines outlined in the permit.

To burn a brush pile larger than 10 feet around and four feet high, a large-scale burn permit is required. Large-scale burn permits can be obtained by contacting the local Division of Forestry office in Soldotna at 907-260-4200. Callers can get help obtaining permits, and get answers to questions on how to conduct safe burns to protect wildland resources, property and lives.

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