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Burn Suspensions Lifted Statewide Except for Tok Area

(Fairbanks, AK) – The Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) has lifted burn permit suspensions for all areas except for Tok, where sustained high fire danger remains. As of July 16, 2025, burn permits are now valid for the Mat-Su, Kenai-Kodiak, Copper River, Southwest, Fairbanks, and Delta areas.

This decision reflects improved weather conditions and the return of firefighting resources to local areas, resulting in moderated fire danger in much of the state.

The Division urges the public to burn responsibly, and to consider safer alternatives as ongoing fire activity continues to demand significant firefighting resources. Safer alternatives include using local woody debris and lawn waste disposal sites.

Open burning authorized under small and large DOF burn permits may now resume with caution.

Please adhere strictly to all burn permit regulations:

- Have water readily available on site.
- Burn only natural vegetation and untreated wood.
- Clear all flammable material down to mineral soil around burn piles.
- Never leave a fire unattended – stay until it is completely extinguished and cold to the touch.

Burn permits are available online, at local fire departments, or at your local Division of Forestry & Fire Protection office.

For additional burn permit information, please visit <https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn>. Visit the [Woody Debris & Lawn Waste Disposal](#) webpage to find locations where material can be safely disposed.

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