CalFire gives go-ahead on pile burning

The Amador-El Dorado Unit of CalFire lifted the burn restrictions on state responsibility lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Homeowners may burn their debris piles that have accumulated over the summer.

Door-yard burn permits, aka residential landscape debris burn permits, will still be required until the end of fire season has been declared, but burn permits can be obtained for free at most local fire stations.

Daily CalFire will determine "burn/no burn day status", so call the burn information line immediately prior to burning — (530) 621.5842.

Safety tips for burning:

- Make sure your pile(s) are no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet in size.
- Scrape a 10-foot wide ring around each debris pile down to bare dirt.
- Have a shovel and water supply (charged hose) close by to use in the event the fire escapes from the pile.
- Make sure an adult is in attendance until the pile is completely extinguished.