

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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2005 Fire Season Closes

Hazardous fire areas that were restricted to public access in May 2005 will reopen on **Friday, January 6, at 12:01 a.m.**, according to the Orange County Fire Authority

In conjunction with the closing of fire season, hazardous fire areas located in unincorporated County territory and in the cities of Orange , Anaheim , Brea , Laguna Beach and Newport Beach will be reopened to public entry beginning January 6. Fire Chief Chip Prather of the Orange County Fire Authority along with Fire Chief's Roger Smith of Anaheim Fire Department, Alford Nero of Brea Fire Department, Mike Macey of Laguna Beach Fire Department, Tim Riley of Newport Beach Fire Department, and Vincent Bonacker of the Orange City Fire Department have jointly announced that sufficient rain has fallen to reduce the fire hazards.

Some of the property no longer subject to fire closure is private land and may still be subject to trespassing laws and property owner restrictions. It is also important to remember that even though Fire Season has officially ended, the dry Santa Ana winds, which are typical for this area could create dangerous fire conditions at anytime during the year. For that reason, fire safety precautions should be practiced year-around.

Chief Prather has stated that the **following areas will be reopened** to public entry under authority of the Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and local city jurisdictions:

Area 1- North of the Brea city limits to the County line; between the Brea city limits and the Yorba Linda Wildland/Urban interface and east of the Yorba Linda Wildland/Urban interface to the County line, excluding Chino Hills State Park .

Area 2- South from the 91 freeway to O'Neill Regional Park; west from the Cleveland National Forest boundary to the following limits: Anaheim Hills city limits, Tustin city limits, Orange city limits; Irvine city limits; Lake Forest city limits; east of Rose Canyon to the Cleveland National Forest boundary; east of Dove Canyon to the Cleveland National Forest boundary; east of Coto de Caza to the Cleveland National Forest boundary; interface areas between Rancho Santa Margarita, Coto de Caza and Dove Canyon; from the southern tip of Coto de Caza south to the County line; west from the Cleveland National Forest boundary (or County line) to the following limits; Caspers Park is open except the area between the Ortega Highway and Lucas Canyon Road; also included are the following areas inside the Cleveland National Forest congressional boundary: Silverado Canyon, Williams Canyon, Modjeska Canyon, Trabuco Canyon.

Area 3- South of Bonita Canyon Drive, Sand Canyon Avenue, and the 405 freeway to Pacific Coast Highway; West of Laguna Canyon Road to Newport Beach (Corona del Mar) city limits.

Area 4-- East of Laguna Canyon Road to the Aliso/Wood Canyons Regional Park; South of Aliso/Wood Canyons Regional Park to the Laguna Beach city limits.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves as the all-risk emergency response agency for 1.3 million Orange County residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.
