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**Frederick County Health Department**

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**Online Open Burn Permit Application**

**\*\$15 fee must be paid in person at the Frederick County Health Department and permit can be picked up at this time\***

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Property owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property owner mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of burn location: \_\_\_\_\_

Material to be burned: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of permit: From \_\_\_\_\_ To December 31, 20\_\_

Upon receiving a burn permit number, the above named applicant is hereby granted permission by Frederick County Health Department to burn materials at the specified time and place. It is understood by the applicant that he/she must follow all regulations for Open Burning. It is further understood by the applicant that he/she should also secure permits from any other agency that would have jurisdiction in this matter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I acknowledge receiving and agreeing to the Open Burning Rules and Recommendations on the second page by initialing next to each one.

<i>For FCHD Use Only, revised 12/31/2019</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Approved</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Not Approved</i>	
<i>Health Department Representative:</i> _____	<i>Date Issued:</i> _____	<i>Permit Number:</i> _____

Barry Glotfelty ▪ Director



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## Open Burning Rules and Recommendations

Please initial next to each rule

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. If applicant is not current property owner, a "Property Owner Permission Letter" must be submitted with application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Call Frederick Communications Center (formerly Central Alarm) before lighting the burn pile and once the fire is out at (301) 600-1603.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Only brush, yard debris and limbs 6 inches in diameter or less may be burned. **Do not burn** logs, stumps, cardboard, paper, pallets, pressure treated boards, construction debris or household trash.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The material to be burned must have originated on the premise.
  - Landscaping companies cannot haul material from different properties to a separate location to be burned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. No burning is permitted **within 200 feet of neighboring habitable dwellings** or businesses. In addition, there is to be no less than a 50 foot separation distance from the burn pile to any structure.
  - Neighboring habitable dwellings include residences that are located on the same parcel or neighboring parcels to where the burning is taking place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Steps should be taken to burn material as safely and quickly as possible to minimize smoke production. Fire should not smolder over a long period of time (use a blower on large piles when necessary).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **If a nuisance to a neighbor or a fire hazard is created, a public officer has the right to access your property to inspect the burn pile. If a problem is observed the fire may be extinguished and the permit voided.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Use paper, kindling, or kerosene to start fires. Do not use gasoline, tires or heavy oil. It is a violation of State laws to burn tires, heavy oil, roofing, or any material that creates black smoke.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Fires must be attended at all times with sufficient control equipment, especially when a fire hazard exists.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Maryland Department of Natural Resources has requirements for burning in a woodland or within 200 feet of a woodland. For more information, call (301) 473-8417.
  - **Woodland** is defined as any public or private area in any stage of growth of woody vegetation or for activities adjacent to or within an area where flammable materials could ignite and carry fire to a woodland.
  - A natural or constructed fire break that is at least 10 feet wide and free of flammable materials must surround the burn pile.
  - All burning must be done between the hours of 4 p.m. and 12 midnight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. **No burning is allowed during the months of JUNE, JULY and AUGUST**, per Air Quality Regulation 26.11.07.03.C.1. **DURING THIS BURN BAN NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Permits expire December 31 of each calendar year. Burn permit applications for the following year may be obtained at <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/344/Open-Burn-Permit>

*For questions regarding burn permits please call the Frederick County Health Department  
Community Services Office at 301-600-1717.*