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OPEN BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

Notice! Please familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations below before submitting this form!

Many counties and incorporated municipalities have additional burning ordinances. Some incorporated municipalities may disallow open burning completely or issue their own permits. Contact your local authorities if you are unsure of the laws and regulations in your area.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMITEE

Issuance of permit does NOT relieve the permittee of:

1. His/Her responsibility for complying with all air pollution laws, regulations and ordinances (such as the North Carolina "Control and Prohibition of Open Burning" Regulations as codified in 15 NCAC 2D.1900 which prohibits the open burning of some materials).
2. His/Her responsibility for complying with all other State and Federal forest fire laws (such as notifying adjacent landowners, keeping a competent watch over the fire, etc.)
3. His/Her responsibility for any damage the fires may cause to other parties or their property. Good judgement should be used when burning even though a permit has been obtained.

Note: The proper time to burn is : (1) following a rain when the wind is calm; (2) after grasses are green and hardwood leaves are mature.

NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANYTHING OTHER THAN PLANT GROWTH BE BURNED
(See Regulation 15A NCAC 2D.1900 "Open Burning" for details)

Permissible Residential Burning

Open burning of leaves, tree branches or yard trimmings originating on the premises of private residences and burned on those premises in areas where no public pickup is available and such burning is done between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and shall not create a nuisance.

Permissible Land Clearing

Open burning for land clearing or right-of-way maintenance is permissible provided that: (1) prevailing winds are away from built up areas; (2) the location of the burn is at least 1000 feet from any occupied structure; (3) the location of the burn is at least 250 feet from the edge of a roadway if the prevailing wind is toward the roadway; (4) only kerosene distillate, or diesel fuel is used to start the fire; (5) burning shall commence between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and no additional material is added other than during those hours.

All permits are valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Subsequent burning without a permit is a violation of the law.

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* Denotes a required field

I, * (first name) * (last name)

under the provisions of and in accordance with NC General Statute 113-60.21, 113-60.24, 113-60.28, request authorization to start or cause to be started a fire upon land under my control in * (community),

Jackson *county, approximately [] * (miles) from
[] * (landmark or road intersection)). This fire shall be started between the dates of
[] (mm/dd/yy)* and [] (mm/dd/yy) *after midnight and ending before 4:00 p.m. The fuels
burned shall consist of [] * (fuel type: ground, brush, field, etc) and shall encompass an area of
[] *acres.

Additional comments:

Contact Information:

[] * (street)
[] * (city or town)
[] * (zip-code)
[] * (email address)
[] * (phone number with area code)

As a permittee I certify:

- That the proposed fire is within 500' of State protected woodland.
- Pursuant to G.S. 113-60.29, convictions of violating the Open Fire Laws of this permit is a class 3 misdemeanor. These penalties may be imposed in addition to any civil or criminal penalties sanctioned under G.S. 143-215.114 of Article 21B.
- I understand that should this permit be cancelled in accordance with G.S. 113-60.25 or G.S. 113-60.27 or if written notice (order) is given by any forest ranger pursuant to G.S. 113-60.28, I must take reasonable steps to extinguish or control the fire or reimburse the Department for expenses incurred therefore on my behalf.
- Should my fire become dangerous, I know I am to contact my County Forest Ranger or local emergency services by dialing 911.
- I am familiar with all rules and regulations pertaining to my burning project. This includes local laws which may not be addressed on this website.

Check this box to acknowledge that you have read and understood the information on this web page and that you will abide by the rules, regulations and laws referenced therein.

If you have any questions about your responsibilities in regard to legal open burning, consult your local [Forest Ranger](#).

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