



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES DIVISION FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

***** ALL NON-RECREATIONAL FIRES REQUIRE A PERMIT
THROUGH THE FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT*****

The following regulations apply to all open burning (not all requirements are listed):

- **Avoid Serious Injury. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable or combustible liquid to ignite a fire.**
- A permit must be obtained through the Frederick County Health Department, 350 Montevue Lane, Frederick, Md. 21702.
- Burning must be in accordance with the Frederick County Fire Prevention Code and Open Burning regulations.
<http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/index.aspx?nid=2431>
- Open fires and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished.
- No burning shall take place within 200 ft of habitable dwellings, businesses, or wildland.
- The material burned must have originated on the premises.
- A garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use.
- Open fires shall not smolder over a long period of time.
- Tires, oil, roofing, construction materials, or any material that creates black smoke shall not be burned.

If the fire is a nuisance to a neighbor or a fire hazard is created, the fire department or any authorized public official may order the fire to be extinguished!

Warning: You may be charged with a civil fire code infraction of \$500 for each violation of the Frederick County Fire Prevention Code.