



Gwinnett County Department of Fire & Emergency Services

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The Gwinnett County Fire Marshal's Office is handing out these rules for outdoor burning.

*****May 1st through September 30th Total Outdoor Burn Ban*****

Rules for burning on one's own property (no permit required):

- Burning shall be during **daylight hours** only, Monday through Saturday.
- Burning shall be of natural fallen vegetation, such as limbs, leaves, twigs, etc.
- Burning shall be in small piles, maximum size is 3 feet by 3 feet.
- The burn pile shall be at least 50 feet from any structure or wooden fence.
- The burn pile shall be constantly attended and shall have a water source that will reach the burn pile (such as a garden hose or fire extinguisher or both).
- The burn pile shall be **completely out before dusk!**

Burning restrictions:

- No burning is allowed on Sunday.
- No burning when winds exceed 15 miles per hour.
- No burning when it is overcast, raining, or foggy, burn only on clear days with no cloud cover. An overcast condition causes the smoke to remain close to the ground and this presents a hazard.
- No burning of household garbage, grass clippings, construction material or other similar made material. Only natural fallen yard vegetation/debris.
- No burning is allowed when the Fire Marshal's office or a representative from the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services deems the burning is offensive to others or poses a health risk to people in the area.

Anyone not burning in accordance with the above rules will be violating
The Gwinnett County Outdoor Burning Ordinance
and will result in a misdemeanor citation being issued to appear in
Gwinnett County Recorder's Court.

*****Penalties can be up to \$1,000.00 fine and/or up to one year in jail.*****