

**OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS FOR LAND CLEARING / PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE - (30) Thirty day permit**

1. A written permit shall be obtained from the Powhatan Fire Marshal.
Application for permit shall include: \$100.00 fee for permit, complete permit application, and site plan of burn site
2. Applications shall be submitted at least 10 days before the desired burn.
3. Permitted open burning does not exempt or excuse a person from the consequence, damages, or injuries which may result from such conduct, nor does it excuse or exempt any person from complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders of the federal government, Commonwealth of Virginia or Powhatan County.
4. Burning of the following is prohibited:
 - a. Toxic or hazardous materials or containers for such materials.
 - b. Rubber tires, asphaltic material, crankcase oil, impregnated wood, or similar materials.
5. The burning shall take place on the site from which the debris waste was generated. All reasonable effort shall be made to minimize the amount of material that is burned.
6. Permitted fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until they are extinguished, and conducted to ensure the best possible combustion with a minimum of smoke and fly ash being produced. The operator and equipment to control and /or extinguish the fire(s) shall be within 1000 feet of the pile at all times.
7. Permits will be valid for 30 calendar days from the date of issue. A onetime 30 day extension may be requested prior to the expiration of the permit. Once a permit has expired, it will be necessary to submit a new application and pay another permit fee.
8. Fires shall be at least 500 feet from any occupied building, unless the occupants have given prior written permission, which has been included with the permit application.

9. A copy of the permit, site plan, guidelines, and all applicable conditions shall be kept at the burn site.

10. The Virginia Division of Forestry requires that any open burning, from February 15, through April 30, of each year, within 300 feet of woodland, brush land, or field containing dry grass or other combustible material leading to woodland, is done between the hours of 4:00 pm and 12:00pm midnight.