

Open-Burning Permit Application

Permit fee payment is due with submittal of application.
 Permit fees are not refundable once the application has been processed.
 Please complete the Open-Burning Checklist prior to completing application.

Please print or type all information below. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Contractor/Applicant Name:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	Emergency Number:	Fax Number:	
Landowner's Name:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:		
Person Responsible:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Description of Materials to be Burned:			
Number of Acres Cleared:	Using an Approved Air Curtain Incinerator: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Exact Location of Proposed Burn: <i>Give street address and any direction to aid our personnel in locating the site. Include an illustration of the burn site, on the provided form, which shows compass direction, location of piles to be burned, and estimated distance to buildings, roadways, railroads, etc.</i>			
Reason why no other methods, other than open-burning, can be used to clear materials:			
Number of Working Days Burn Permit Needed:			
Applicant Signature:		Date:	
Applicant Name (Print or Type):		Title:	
Official Use Only			
Reviewer:	Date:	Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved: <input type="checkbox"/>
Permit Fee:	Check Number:	Receipt Number:	Permit Number:

Checklist for Open-Burning Permit

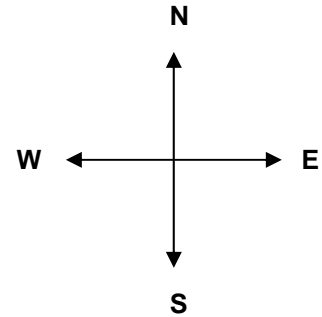
Complete the following checklist prior to completing the application to ensure regulatory conditions required for approval are met.

Does the material to be burned consist of vegetation that has been cleared? <input type="checkbox"/> For building sites? <input type="checkbox"/> From right-of-way for a public road?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the material to be burned consist only of vegetation that has been cleared from the burn site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the burn site free of rubber, plastic, tires, building debris, paints, oil, solvents, and all other material except naturally occurring vegetation? <i>Note: If any of the above is at the burn site the permit will be disapproved.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the burn site a minimum of 1,000 feet from all buildings and a minimum of 100 feet from any roadway? <i>Note: The distance from a building is reduced to 300 feet when an air curtain incinerator is used.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will an approved air curtain incinerator be used? <i>Note: Burns near airports, major roads or highways, and schools require an air curtain incinerator.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will the burn be under the constant supervision of a competent person with the means available, such as heavy equipment, to quickly extinguish the fire?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the burn site have a minimum of 100 feet clearance from overhanging trees and power lines, underbrush, or any other combustible material that might cause the fire to spread?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will the burn be ignited after 9:00 AM and extinguished one hour before sunset?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the material to be burned dried out, not green or wet, so as to produce a minimum of smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can the material be burned without the use of gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquid to support combustion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the pile of reasonable and manageable size so as not to cause a nuisance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the effect of wind been considered so chances are minimized that smoke, soot, and ash do not cause a hazard or nuisance to residences, vehicular traffic, and aircraft operation? <i>Note: Burns near airports and major roads, highways, and schools require an air curtain incinerator.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the population density in the burn area low enough that citizen complaints are not likely? <i>Note: Complaints may cause the permit to be withdrawn or revoked.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you placed a sign at the burn site entrance with the company name and a 24-hour emergency contact phone number?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you made arrangements to entirely cover burn piles and pits at the end of each day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your burn site prepared and ready for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

These are the major guidelines used in the inspection of a proposed burn site. The approval of an Open-Burning Permit is dependent upon the evaluation by this agency and can be denied or permission to conduct open-burning may be withdrawn if the Division, or authorized agent, deems such action necessary in the public interest. The inspector may also set additional restrictions on the size and number of burn piles.

Illustration of Proposed Burn Site

Illustrate the burn site, using the compass direction provided, to show the location of piles to be burned, and estimated distance to buildings, roadways, railroads, etc. Also, show the entrance where the sign with the company name and emergency contact number will be placed.



Conditions of Open-Burning Permit

The applicant shall submit the completed application, checklist, and illustration of the burn site to the Lakeland Fire Department prior to permit approval.

Open-burn permits issued under these provisions are for a period of five (5) working days. A one time extension of five (5) working days is available, provided a legitimate need for the extension exists. Extensions of longer periods or renewals or expired permits will require the applicant to submit a new application.

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Up to three site inspections will be provided for each permit. If any additional inspections are needed, or if a permit is denied or disapproved for any reason, corrections must be made and the applicant will be required to reapply for another permit. The new application form must be completed and appropriate fees paid prior to subsequent inspections being made.

The major guidelines used in the inspection of a proposed burn site are covered on the Checklist for Open-Burning Permit. The referenced documents include NFPA 1 (2000 edition), Florida Statutes Chapter 590, and Florida Administrative Code, Chapters 51-2 and 62-256.

Burning is only allowed Monday through Friday. Weekend or holiday burning is not allowed. Burning is only allowed during daylight hours. Free-burning and smoldering fires must be extinguished one hour before sunset. A competent person must be at the burn site during all burning hours. Applicant must have water or equipment available at all times for the extinguishment of fires. If the fire department must be dispatched to extinguish a fire, a charge of \$150.00 will be assessed. It is the applicant's responsibility to check the weather conditions. Burn only when winds are favorable. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact fire dispatch, prior to burning, daily at (863)834-6966 and the Division of Forestry at (863)648-3160.

The burning of yard debris (leaves, trash) or household waste materials is **not** allowed.

No permit is required for cooking or recreational fires. Cooking or recreational fires shall be attended at all times by a competent person. A garden hose connected to a water supply or some other form of acceptable extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use.

Recreational Fires: The noncommercial burning of materials other than rubbish for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, or similar purposes in which the fuel burned is not contained in an incinerator, a barbecue grill, or a barbecue pit, and the total fuel area is not exceeding 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. (NFPA 1, 2003 edition.)

A permit is required for bon fires; however, there is no fee. Bon fires shall be attended at all times by a competent person. A garden hose connected to a water supply or some other form of acceptable extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use.

A permit and applicable fees are required for commercial and/or residential land clearing.