



BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Address at which burn will occur, if different from above:

The address at which the burn will occur is within the City Limits of Hogansville?
Yes ___ No ___ (If no, the City cannot issue a permit. Please contact the Georgia Forestry Commission at 1 (877) 652-2876)

Date of which the burn is to occur: _____ (A permit is required for each day on which the burn is to occur. If this date is between May 1 and September 30, a burn permit cannot be issued.)

I will notify the Troup County Fire Department at (706) 637-8059 at least 24 hours in advance of the burn, and I have read the attached Requirements for the Issuance of a Burn Permit and I agree to abide by those requirements. I understand that the fire and any resulting smoke are my sole responsibility and agree to hold the City of Hogansville harmless from any resulting damages. I agree to post the burn permit in a conspicuous place near the burn.

Signature _____ Date _____



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A BURN PERMIT CITY OF HOGANVILLE, GEORGIA

1. The City of Hogansville and Troup County are part of the Atlanta Ozone Non-Attainment Area and are subject to the State of Georgia Open Burning Ban from May 1 through September 30 each year. The City will issue a permit only in strict compliance with the open burning ban. Copies of the Ban are available at City Hall.
2. Permits are issued within the City limits only. For burns outside the city limits, contact the Georgia Forestry Commission at 1-877-OK2-BURN (1-877-652-2876).
3. Permits are issued for the day of issue only. If the burn will be for more than one day, a permit **MUST** be requested for each day. The burn cannot begin before 10:00 am and must be extinguished by 30 minutes prior to sunset.
4. Permits are valid only for days when the Fire Danger Rating is less than class 4. Check the Fire Danger Rating at the Georgia Forestry Commission website at www.gfc.state.ga.us.
5. Permits are issued only for the burning of natural vegetative debris in a fire measuring less than 6 feet by 6 feet. Natural vegetative debris consists of small limbs, leaves, grass clippings, shrub trimmings, etc. The burning of paper, household trash, plastics, tires, shingles, or other man-made materials is prohibited.
6. The permit holder **MUST** notify the Troup County Fire Department at (706) 637-8059 at least 24 hours in advance of the planned burn.
7. How to Burn Safely:
 - a. Clear at least a 25-foot area around your burn pile of any flammable material.
 - b. Don't pile debris close to other material that may catch fire.
 - c. Never use flammable liquids, such as gasoline, to start your fire.
 - d. Start the fire downwind of your debris pile.
 - e. Never leave your fire unattended.
 - f. Always make sure your fire is completely out and the burn area is cool to the touch.
 - g. Tools needed before burning:
 - i. Rake
 - ii. Shovel
 - iii. Water Hose
8. **YOUR SMOKE-YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** – Smoke is a definite effect of fire. Anytime you burn, your fire will produce smoke. You are as responsible for your smoke as you are for your fire. Here are some tips to help you reduce the amount of smoke produced from your fire:
 - a. **INFORM YOUR NEIGHBORS** – let your neighbors know a day or two before you plan to burn. If your smoke becomes a problem, put your fire out and burn when conditions are more smoke management friendly.
 - b. **BURN SMALLER PILES** – Smaller piles produce smaller amounts of smoke.
 - c. **BURN ON CLEAR DAYS** – Cloudy, overcast days tend to stagnate the air, causing smoke to linger and settle around you and your neighbors.
 - d. **BURN WITH A LITTLE WIND** – Wind is needed to move and disperse smoke.
 - e. **AVOID BURNING WET PILES** – Moisture in your debris pile will produce more smoke. Dried out leaves, limbs, etc. burn clean and produce less smoke.
 - f. **AVOID DIRT IN YOUR DEBRIS PILES** – Dirt helps hold in moisture and will cause a smoke problem.
 - g. **BURN FROM MID-MORNING TO EARLY AFTERNOON** – Early morning and evening has the same effect as cloudy days and smoke will linger.