

LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN

Alert Tennesseans know burning trash outdoors is:

- harmful to the air we breathe
- unhealthy for our neighbors – near and far
- unsafe
- often unnecessary

WHAT NOT TO BURN in TENNESSEE:

- ⊗ Tires and other rubber products
- ⊗ Vinyl siding and vinyl shingles
- ⊗ Plastics and other synthetic materials
- ⊗ Paper products, cardboard and newspaper
- ⊗ Shingles, and other asphalt roofing materials
- ⊗ Asbestos-containing materials
- ⊗ Paints, household and agricultural chemicals
- ⊗ Aerosol cans and food cans
- ⊗ Building material and construction debris
- ⊗ Buildings and mobile homes
- ⊗ Copper wire and electrical wires
- ⊗ Household trash
- ⊗ Leaves, branches and trees not grown on site.

It may be okay to burn leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, lawn clippings, woody vegetation, yard trimmings, clean unpainted, uncoated wood or untreated lumber. Check your local and/or other state ordinances. Improper outdoor burning can lead to fines up to \$25,000.

THIS IS THE LAW in TENNESSEE

Alert Tennesseans know there are other options instead of outdoor burning:

- Recycling
- Composting

Help reduce air pollution in Tennessee by avoiding outdoor burning.

Got questions about outdoor burning? Call TDEC at

1-888-891-TDEC

www.tdec.net/apc



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CHRISTIANA VOL. FIRE DEPT.

HOW TO GET YOUR FREE BURN PERMIT

State laws require a permit for open-air burning from October 15 through May 15. *Permits are free.* Simply call (800) 337-3157 for burning permits in Rutherford County.

You will be issued a permit number over the phone. Permits are issued based on weather conditions & fire occurrence. You should then contact the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office at (615) 898-7770 and provide them with your permit number. By calling for a permit, you are helping your local firefighters. If they know your fire's location, and that your fire is under control, they will not waste time and money driving out to answer a false alarm.

NOTE: This permit does not exempt the burner from local air pollution regulations. Check with local authorities about air pollu-

For more information about burning in the Christiana area you may contact District Chief Leslie Herman, Christiana Volunteer Fire Department at 615-210-4539.

39-14-306. Setting fires at certain times without permit.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to start an open-air fire between October 15 and May 15, inclusive, within five hundred feet (500') of any forest, grasslands or woodlands without first securing a permit from the state forester or the state forester's duly authorized representative. Depending upon the potential for hazardous burning conditions, the state forester may prescribe a period other than October 15 to May 15 within which a permit must be obtained prior to starting an open-air fire. The provisions of this section shall not apply to fires which may be set within the corporate limits of any incorporated town or city which has passed ordinances controlling the setting of fires.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SEE REVERSE SIDE TO RECORD PERMIT NUMBERS

For Real Emergencies CALL 911

Division of Forestry: 1-800-337-3157 Rutherford Co. Sheriff's Office: 1-615- 898-7770

RECORD YOUR BURN PERMIT INFO BELOW

NAME:		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE		
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SEE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT BURN PERMIT REGULATIONS