



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## City of Morganton



### Open Burning Permit

Under the provisions of and in accordance with NC General Statutes 113-60.21, 113-60.24, 113-60.28, \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Morganton, NC is authorized to start, or cause to be started a fire as  
specified upon land under his/her control. This fire shall be started between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and ending at \_\_\_\_\_. Type of burning \_\_\_\_\_ area  
where burning will be conducted. If fire becomes dangerous, contact \_\_\_\_\_ or **911**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permit Number

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMITTEE:

1. His/Her responsibility for complying with all air pollution laws, regulations and ordinances (such as the NC "Control and Prohibition of Open Burning" regulations as codified in 15 NCAC 2D.1900 which prohibits the open burning of some materials).
2. His/Her responsibility for complying with all other state and federal forest fire laws (such as notifying adjoining landowners, keeping a competent watch over fire, etc.)
3. His/Her responsibility for any damage the fire may cause to other parties or their property. Good judgement should be used when burning even though a permit has been obtained.

**Note:** The proper time to burn is: (1) following a rain when the wind is calm; (2) after grasses are green and hardwood leaves are mature.

**\*\* No Open Burning Permits will be issued where public pick up by City Public Works/Street Department is available.**

#### AS PERMITTEE, I CERTIFY:

Pursuant to G.S. 113-60.29 convictions of violation the Open Fire Laws of this permit is a class 3 misdemeanor. These penalties may be imposed in addition to any civil or criminal penalties sanctioned under G.S. 143-215.114 of Article 21B.

I understand that should this permit be cancelled in accordance with G.S. 113-60.25 or G.S. 113-60.27 or if written notice (order) is given by a Public Safety Official pursuant to G.S. 113-60.28, I must take reasonable steps to extinguish or control the fire or reimburse the Department for expenses incurred therefore on my behalf.

**SEE BACK OF PERMIT:** I have read and understand the air pollution regulations on the back of this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# OPEN BURNING PERMIT

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**NOTE: UNDER NO CIRMSTANCES SHALL ANYTHING OTHER THAN PLANT GROWTH BE BURNED**  
(See Regulation 15A NCAC 2D.1900 "Open Burning" for details)

## **Permissible Residential Burning**

Open burning of leaves, tree branches no larger than 6" in diameter originating on the premises of private residences and burned on those premises in areas where no public pickup is available and such burning is done between 8:00am and 6:00pm, and shall not create a nuisance. Permittee must contact Public Safety at 437-1211 on the day of the actual burning. Burn must be more than 50 feet away from any structure and must be monitored at all times.

## **Permissible Land Clearing**

Open burning for land clearing or right of way maintenance is permissible provided that NCDENR has inspected the site where the proposed burn is to take place inside the City Limits of Morganton and issues a permit for land clearing burn. Once NCDENR permit is issued, the City of Morganton will issue a permit for "Open Burning". (1) prevailing winds are away from built up areas; (2) the location is 500 feet from any occupied structure; (3) the location of the burn is at least 250 feet from the edge of a roadway if the prevailing wind is toward the roadway; (4) only approved accelerants approved by NCDENR may be used to start the fire; (5) burning shall commence between 8:00am and 6:00pm and no additional material is added other than those hours.

NCDENR Regional Office Number is (828) 296-4500

## **Section 307.4.3 Portable Outdoor Fireplaces**

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.