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County Wide Burn Ban - LIFTED

Effective at 9:00AM on Friday, May 1, 2020

The countywide burn ban which has been in effect since April 4, 2020 will be lifted at 9:00AM on Friday, May 1, 2020. The local ordinance of the Code of Franklin County, Virginia §8-16 shall remain in effect and states the following:

Sec. 8-16. - Burning of leaves, trash and other waste material generally.

- a) Except as otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to burn any garbage, trash, refuse, rubbish or other waste material in the county within one hundred (100) feet of a residence, garage, stable, outhouse, other structure or fence made of flammable material, or in any wooded area, unless the material to be burned is confined in a closed container of galvanized iron or other fireproof material or in an open container attended by an able-bodied person until the embers therein contained are burned out or the burning embers are extinguished. At the site of any fire within the purview of this paragraph there shall be a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
- b) Leaves and brush originating on the premises of private residences may be burned on those premises; providing, that:
 1. Such burning is done between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight and all embers are totally extinguished at the end of this period.
 2. No material is added to the fire between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
 3. The location of burning is not less than one hundred (100) feet from any occupied building, unless the occupant has given prior written permission.
 4. To minimize the possibility of contaminant emission from inadvertent fires, at no time shall the fire be unattended.
- c) No burning of garbage, trash, refuse, rubbish or other waste material or of leaves or brush permitted under this section shall be commenced, or if such burning has been commenced it shall be immediately terminated, upon the declaration of an alert warning or emergency stage of the air pollution episode, when proclaimed by the executive director of the state air pollution control board or his designated representative.
- d) A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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