



Paulding County Fire & Rescue
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Paulding County Outdoor Burning Guidelines

Paulding County adopted a burn ordinance on October 14, 1987. This ordinance requires all persons, businesses, and agencies to review the outdoor burning guidelines each day before setting ANY open fires within Paulding County.

You must call the Paulding County Outdoor Burning Hotline on the day of your burn at **770-505-BURN** (2876) seven days a week. You will hear a recorded message clearly indicating if burning is permissible. The recording is update as fire conditions dictate.

Paulding County Fire/Rescue realizes that not everyone living and working in our County is aware of the outdoor burning ordinance. This letter is intended to provide you with the details and needed information.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division allows open burning from October 1st through April 30th of each year as long as the following rules and regulations are met:

1. You can **ONLY** burn wood or paper products. All other materials are considered hazardous and illegal to burn. Burning of other materials can result in fines up-to \$10,000.00 imposed by the Environmental Protection Division of the State of Georgia.
2. Call the automated system before you burn (770-505-2876). You must listen to the entire recording. You must call each day that you plan to burn.
3. Fires must be attended at all times by an adult.
4. The fire must be 50' away from any structure.
5. A garden hose or fire extinguisher must be readily available.
6. The material to be burned cannot exceed 8'x8'x8' in size. Natural vegetation burns that exceed this size must contact Georgia Forestry for a permit at (770) 443-7821.
7. Only natural products (e.g., leaves, tree limbs, etc.) can be burned. No hazardous materials (e.g., tires, plastics, etc.) can be burned.
8. Burning of any type of structure is not allowed.



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9. No burning is allowed when wind speeds or gusts are over 10 miles per hour.
10. All fires must be extinguished by dark.
11. Campfires for recreational use or cooking are allowed. They must be contained inside a ring, pit, or rock border and must be attended at all times by an adult. Campfires can be no larger than 3'x3' in size. A garden hose or fire extinguisher must be readily available. Grass clippings and leaves cannot be burned in the campfire. The campfire should be extinguished thoroughly by 12:00 AM (midnight).
12. Bonfires are associated with groups or organizations. They can be no larger than 6'x6' in size. The fire must be attended at all times by an adult. These fires must have prior approval from the Fire Chief or his designee. If approved, bonfires are allowed between the hours of 6:00 PM and 12:00 AM (midnight). Please call Paulding County Fire Administration Monday – Friday between 8 AM-5 PM (770) 222-1160 for advanced approval if you are planning a bonfire.
13. Commercial Burn Permits are issued by the Georgia Forestry Commission at (770) 443-7821.
14. Failure to comply with these burn guidelines may result in civil action presented in magistrate court.