



Paulding County Fire/Rescue

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Paulding County Fire & Rescue Announces the Opening of the 2017 Burn Season

Paulding County Fire & Rescue Department announces the opening of the 2017 outdoor burn season beginning **October 1, 2017** and ends **April 30, 2018**. Residents must adhere to the Paulding County Burn ordinance for all outdoor burning.

Please follow the rules listed below.

Outdoor Burning Rules

You can **ONLY** burn wood or paper products. All other materials are hazardous and illegal to burn. Burning of other materials can result in fines up to \$10,000.00 being imposed by the Environmental Protection Division of the State of Georgia.

1. Call the automated system before you burn (770-505-2876). You must listen to the entire Recording and you will be legal to burn. You must call each day that you plan to burn.
2. Fires must be attended at all times by an adult. The fire must be 50' away from any structure.
3. A garden hose or fire extinguisher must be readily available.
4. 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.
5. Only natural products (i.e. leaves, tree limbs, etc.) can be burned. **No hazardous materials (i.e. tires, plastics, etc.) can be burned.** Burning of any type of structure is **not** allowed
6. No burning is allowed when the wind speeds or gusts are over 10 miles per hour.
7. All fires must be out by dark.

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 are no larger than 3x3 in size. A garden hose or fire extinguisher must be readily available. Grass clippings and leaves cannot be burned. The fire should be extinguished thoroughly by 12:00a.m (midnight).

Bonfires are associated with groups or organizations. They are no larger than 6x6 in size. The fire must be attended at all times by an adult. Grass clippings and leaves cannot be burned. These fires **must** have prior approval from the Fire Chief or his designee. If approved, bon fires are allowed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Please call M-F, 8am-5pm (770) 222-1160 for assistance.

Commercial Burn Permits are issued by Georgia Forestry at (770) 443-7821.

Failure to comply with burn guideline rules may result in civil action presented in magistrate court