

REGULATIONS FOR WHEN BURNING

1. The burn must be on private property.
2. The burn must be attended by a responsible adult at all times.
3. Keep piles reasonable in size and limited in number to maintain control at all times.
4. Permission must be obtained from occupied dwellings within 300' of the fire, unless the dwelling resides on your property.
5. Animal carcasses and animal waste shall not be burned.
6. Garbage is not to be burned.
7. Construction waste shall not be burned.
8. Be mindful of the location of your burn and the wind direction.
9. Burns shall not be allowed to smolder for an excessive amount of time so it does not become a nuisance to neighbors.
10. If the burning becomes a nuisance to a neighbor, the fire will have to be extinguished.

Violation of any of these rules may result in a Class 1 Misdemeanor which can be punishable by a \$2500 fine and/or a year in jail.



Additional laws and regulations can be found on the Internet at www.shenandoahcountyva.gov under Code of Shenandoah County Chapter 80 and the Virginia Department of Forestry at dof.virginia.gov.



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SHENANDOAH COUNTY BURNING REGULATIONS

Shenandoah County Department of Fire and Rescue protecting the life, safety, and welfare of Shenandoah County citizens and our visitors.



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WHAT CAN BE BURNED WITHOUT A PERMIT?

Open burning is permitted for the disposal of leaves and yard/garden trimmings located on the premises of private property, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The burn takes place on the premises of private property.
2. If the pile is under 3' in diameter and 2' in height, the fire shall be a minimum of 25' away from a structure. If the pile exceeds these dimensions, the distance shall be greater than 50' away from a structure.
3. Portable outdoor fire places shall be used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and shall not be within 15' of a structure or combustibles.



BEFORE YOU START BURNING



Please call the Shenandoah County Emergency Communications Department at 540-459-6101 to report the location of your burn.

This will enable ECC operators to respond appropriately if a passerby calls 911 to report a fire, and they will also be aware of the location of outdoor burning in case a fire spreads uncontrollably.



WHEN CAN YOU DO OPEN AIR BURNING?

Open air burning is allowed year around unless we are under the burn law or there is a red flag warning issued by the National Weather Service.



Outdoor Fires Unlawful Before 4:00pm, February 15 through April 30.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A BURN PERMIT?

There are 2 instances where Shenandoah County requires obtaining a permit to burn:

1. The disposal of a structure. This could be a barn, shed, or a house. Any structure, standing or fallen, you must obtain a Structure Burn Permit from the Fire Marshal's Division.
2. Land clearing operations over 1 acre - Debris from property development or modification, stumps, wood brush from clearing land does require a Land Clearing Permit.

To obtain a permit, contact the Shenandoah County Department of Fire and Rescue.

Prohibition on Land Clearing and Structural Burning

01 In towns and within 2000 feet of town limits within Shenandoah County.

Exception: The owner of real estate parcels conforming to the definition of "real estate devoted to agricultural use" or "real estate devoted to horticultural use" in 58.1-3230 of the Code of Virginia.

02 Within 500 feet of Interstate 81

03 Within 100 feet of above ground utility lines

