



Centerville Fire Department

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Burn Permits

Residential burning of yard debris, Bonfires, Commercial/Agriculture burning of any large acreage, and Land Clearing, with or without an Air Curtain Destructor, require the issuance of a burn permit by the Centerville Fire Department.

Rules for Residential/Recreational Burning

- Open burning is permitted from October 1 thru April 30 of each year.
- Burning is allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and one hour prior to sunset (No smoldering or hot coals remaining).
- You may only burn natural vegetative materials from your property. (i.e., leaves, pine straw, small limbs, etc.)
- Yard waste (small) piles must be at least 30 feet from any structures, including fences, woodlands, and roadways. Limbs should be no more than 6" in diameter and the debris pile no more than 6' by 6'.
- Yard waste (large) piles must be at least 300 feet from any structures, including fences, woodlands, and roadways. Limbs should be no more than 12" in diameter and the debris pile no more than 12' by 12'.
- A competent adult must be present to guard the burn the entire time the fire is burning.
- A functional garden hose or approved method of extinguishment must be present to control or extinguish the fire.
- Burn permits will not be issued under the following conditions:
 - Winds higher than 10 mph.
 - Relative humidity lower than 35%.
 - Days when the atmospheric conditions (cloudy, overcast, or raining) would cause the smoke to remain low to the ground.
 - Local circumstances make open burning hazardous.
- Burning household waste is prohibited. (i.e., building materials, furniture, plastics, clothing, any rubber or tires, newspapers, household garbage, boxes, etc.).
- Fires may not be started with petroleum-based products.



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Bonfire Permits

- Bonfire – An outdoor fire larger than a recreational fire in which only logs or clean wood are being burned for ceremonial purposes.
- A bonfire permit **is required** to be issued by the Centerville Fire Department.
- Bonfires must be 50' from any structures, 100' from property lines, and completely extinguished by 11:00 p.m.

Commercial Burn Permits

Commercial operators are required to have a site visit prior to the issuance of a burn permit. Complete the Burn Permit Application and submit it to the Centerville Fire Department. A representative from the Centerville Fire Department will review the commercial burn permit application and contact you to schedule a site visit.

“Georgia State Summer Burn Ban” (May 1 – September 30)

Centerville Fire Department is not currently issuing open burn permits due to the Georgia State Summer Burn Ban.

Air quality can deteriorate in the summer due to the formation of ground-level ozone. The Summer Burn Ban reduces ozone by prohibiting open burning activities from May 1 through September 30. During this period, open burning activities are prohibited.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Georgia State Summer Burn Ban.

<https://epd.georgia.gov/air-protection-branch/open-burning-rules-georgia/summer-open-burning-ban>