



Forsyth County

Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection

REGISTRATION FORM - LAND CLEARING OPEN BURNING

Instructions

1. In accordance with Forsyth County Air Quality Technical Code (FCAQTC) Rule 3D .0202, this form is for registering *land clearing open burning activities, including the use of air curtain burners.*
2. This registration must be submitted to the Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection at least seven (7) days before the anticipated initiation of the open burning. An in-office visit with open burning staff is necessary. You may bring this form with you when you come.
3. Open burning of land clearing debris is prohibited in Forsyth County unless **all** of the following requirements are met:
 - ✓ The wind direction at the time that the burning is initiated and as forecasted by the National Weather Service during the time of the burning are away from any area (including public roads within 250 feet of the burning) which may be affected by smoke, ash, or other air pollutants from the burning.
 - ✓ The location of the burning is at least 500 feet from any dwelling, group of dwellings, or commercial or institutional establishment, or other occupied structure not located on the property on which the burning is conducted.
 - ✓ Only land cleared plant growth is burned (kerosene, distillate oil, or diesel fuel may be used to start the fire).
 - ✓ Initial burning begins only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and no combustible material is added to the fire between 6:00 p.m. on one day and 8:00 a.m. on the following day.
 - ✓ No open burning is allowed on days with air quality forecasts of code “orange”, “red” or “purple.”
 - ✓ No fires are started or vegetation is added to existing fires when the North Carolina Forest Service has banned burning for that area.
 - ✓ Materials are not carried off-site or transported over public roads for open burning unless the materials are transported to, either: (1) Permitted Air Curtain Burners facilities; or (2) A location, where the material is burned not more than four times per year; is at least 500 feet from any dwelling, group of dwellings, or commercial or institutional establishment, or other occupied structure not located on the property on which the burning is conducted, there are no more than two piles, each 20 feet in diameter, being burned at one time, and the location is not a permitted solid waste management facility.
4. Registration of land clearing open burning activities does not provide approval or any determination by the Department that the proposed open burning activity will meet the exceptions to the open burning prohibition under FCAQTC Rule 3D .1903(b)(2).
5. Failure to register or satisfy all the exceptions will be considered violations of the FCAQTC subject to enforcement action including civil penalties not to exceed \$25,000 per violation per day.
6. Registration forms should be submitted to:

Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection
Forsyth County Government Center
201 N Chestnut St, 5th Floor
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-4120
Fax: (336) 727-2777 or bring to office when you visit
7. For further assistance call the Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection at **(336) 703-2440**.

For the local air quality forecast go to <http://www.forsyth.cc/EAP/dailyforecast.aspx>. For wind forecasts in Forsyth County go to <http://forsyth.cc/EAP/localweather.aspx> and click on “**Click here for latest NWS forecast**”. Check just prior to burning to assure the most recent forecast.

***A Permit must be obtained from the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS) prior to any burning.
 A permit from NCFS does not exempt you from the provisions of the Air Quality Regulations.
 Contact the Forsyth County Ranger for more information about the NCFS Permit at 336-767-7269.***

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Company Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Responsible Company Official: _____ Fax #: _____

Physical/Mailing Address: _____

Site Street Address or Location: _____

Site Supervisor: _____ Phone #: _____

Anticipated Start Date: _____ Expected Duration: ____ (days) Operating Hours _____

Acreage Being Cleared: _____ Approximate Debris Tonnage: _____

Describe how the burning will be conducted including any measures intended to ensure that the exceptions to the open burning prohibition under Rule 3D .1903(b)(2) will be satisfied: _____

Have you attached the following information?	Yes	No
1. A scaled <i>county tax</i> map for the area being cleared and burned that shows property lines and all building/residence locations. Note: You may have to scale in a building/house if the tax map is not up to date with the area being developed.		
2. Are all burn pile locations sited on the county tax map?		
3. Are circles drawn indicating 500 feet from each burn pile (250 feet for air curtain burners) and a 250 feet circle to show distance from roads?		
4. Is this burning being done for routine maintenance or property clean-up activities <i>not</i> connected with new construction or other development? If you answer "yes" to this question, you may not be able to perform this land-clearing open burning activity. Call the Department to discuss your options.		

I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this form and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature of Responsible Company Official

Date

Printed Name/Title

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