



Baltimore County
Department of Environmental Protection & Sustainability
Waste Management Program
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Request for Open Burning Permit

Date of Request: _____

Location of Proposed Burning: _____

Description of Material to be Burned: _____

Reason for Burning Material: _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Mailing Address: _____

Owner Phone Number: _____ Owner Email: _____

Name of Person Conducting Open Burning (i.e. will be present onsite): _____

Phone Number of Person Conducting Open Burning: _____

Open Burning Permit Requirements

Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code (1:10.11.1.5) requires that a permit be obtained for any bonfire or other open burning. Bonfires are prohibited inside of I-695. Open burning permits outside of the I-695 may be issued by the Fire Marshall's Office provided compliance with COMAR 26.11.07.03 (B) and the materials to be burned meet the following conditions:

- Are located on a property that is a commercial farm involved with the production of growing crops, or raising fowl or other animals.
- Include only natural materials generated on the premises on which it will be burned (i.e., brush, tree stumps, tree limbs, excess crops). Stumps in excess of 18 inches, and trees in excess of 12 inches in diameter must be split prior to burning;
- DO NOT include tires, roofing material or other materials that could produce dense smoke;
- NO NOT include household trash, plastic, hazardous materials, building materials, or processed wood waste;
- DO NOT exceed 10 feet x 10 feet in size and surrounded by an area of at least 10 feet that is free of all combustible materials;
- Will not cause a hazardous condition, air pollution or nuisance.
- Are located at least 50 feet from any structure;
- Are located at least 200 feet from a wooded area;
- Are burned between September 1 and May 31 of each year;
- Are burned in a location with access to sufficient water for fire suppression or earth moving equipment;

- Are burned under the supervision of at least 1 adult, 18 years of age or older;
- Are burned on days with cloud cover less than 50%; and
- Are burned on a day and time coordinated with Fire Dispatch, 410-307-2052; and

Property Owner's Certification

I am the owner of the property located at _____.

I am requesting approval of an open burning permit at the above referenced property in the location shown on the attached site plan. I hereby certify that my property qualifies as a commercial farm and that the proposed burning will comply with all of the requirements stipulated above. I understand that the Fire Department may prohibit any and all burnings when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: A photo of the burn pile must be included with this application

Return completed form and photo via email to: groundwater@baltimorecountymd.gov

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I have reviewed the above application and find that the request meets the requirements set forth in COMAR 26.11.07.03 (B).

**Jerry Siewierski, Supervisor
 Waste Management Program**

Date

COMMENTS:

Forwarded to the Office of the Fire Marshall: _____
Date