

CALVERT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
P.O. BOX 980, PRINCE FREDERICK, MARYLAND 20678  
APPLICATION FOR AIR QUALITY CONTROL PERMIT

AP#

Permission is hereby requested to set an open fire in accordance with Section 26.11.07 – Regulations Governing the Control of Air Pollution in Area V of the Maryland State Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

----- **Required Information for Proposed Burning Site** -----

Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions From Route 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Material Proposed To Be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose For Which Burning Is Deemed Necessary:

- Fire Hazard       Instruction In Fire Fighting  
 Agricultural       Land Clearing For Construction  
 Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Distance on all sides between material to be burned and any wooded area, building, vegetation, etc.

North \_\_\_\_\_ ft. East \_\_\_\_\_ ft. South \_\_\_\_\_ ft. West \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

How Long Will The Project Last? \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Beginning Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>For Official Use Only</b>	
Date Issued	_____
Beginning Date	_____
Completion Date	_____
<b>Renewal</b>	
Date Issued	_____
Beginning Date	_____
Completion Date	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Tax Account Number



*Martin O'Malley, Governor*  
*Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor*  
*John R. Griffin, Secretary*  
*Eric Schwaab, Deputy Secretary*

Dear Burn Permit Applicant,

In addition to the Calvert Count Environmental Health Department permit that is needed for any open-air burn, a MD DNR Forest Service permit may also be required, depending on the proximity of the burn pile to the woods. The Maryland Forest Service enforces the following open air burning regulations.

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**Forest Fire Protection**

Authority: Natural Resources Article  
§§5-209 and 5-604, Annotated Code of Maryland

**Definition**

For the purpose of this regulation, Open Air Burning is defined as a fire where any material is burned in the open, except small recreational fires such as campfires.

**Application**

This regulation applies to activities in woodland and within 200 feet of woodland, or activities adjacent to or within an area where flammable materials, that could ignite and carry fire to woodland, are located. These regulations do not apply inside the limits of incorporated towns.

**Open Air Burning**

**A.** A person may not engage in open air burning *except* under the following conditions:

- (1) There is a natural or constructed fire break at least 10 feet wide completely around the material to be burned that is free of flammable materials;
- (2) Adequate personnel and equipment are present to prevent the fire from escaping;
- (3) At least one responsible person remains at the location of the fire until the last spark is out; and
- (4) Burning occurs between the hours of 4 p.m. and 12 midnight E.S.T., except that when the ground is covered with snow the burning may occur at any time so long as all other requirements are met.

**B.** A person may engage in open air burning, or prescribed burning, which does not comply with §A of this regulation, if the person has submitted a plan for that burning to the Department for review and the Department has issued a permit for that burning. The Director, in his discretion, may require conditions in the permit which are more stringent or less stringent than the requirements in §A of this regulation.

**C.** In addition to the conditions and requirements in A and B of this regulation, a person engaged in open air burning shall comply with all other requirements.



**Burning Ban**

Under prolonged or unusual conditions conducive to easy starting and spread of wildfire, the Director may declare a complete ban on all open air burning in woodland or in areas of flammable material likely to carry fire to woodland, through the state or in any specific area.

To obtain a permit, call the Maryland DNR Forest Service at 410-535-1303, Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm at least **2-3** days prior to burning. The permit is good for one month and there is no fee for the permit. Immediately before burning, please contact the Calvert County 911 Center at 410-535-3491 and inform them that you are burning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Forest Service at 410-535-1303 or go to <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/fire/firenotes.asp> for more information about Maryland burning regulations.

Respectfully,



Brian J. Stupak  
Project Manager