



## Application to Request an Open Burning Permit

**Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address and location of burn site:** \_\_\_\_\_

Open Burning Permits may be issued in accordance with the Maryland Department of the Environment's Air Quality Regulations (COMAR 26.11.07), and the Code of Harford County, Section 109.12.

The following requirements must be met prior to issuance of an Open Burning Permit:

- (1) All burning must be done at a distance of at least five hundred (500) yards from any occupied structure, heavily traveled roadway, or where people work and congregate.
- (2) Any materials which produce dense smoke when burned, including, but not limited to, tires, construction debris, hazardous materials, asphaltic materials, plastics, and automobile bodies or parts thereof, shall not be burned. **Burning permits are limited to brush.**
- (3) All types of open burning are prohibited within town or village limits, subdivision housing developments, or such other densely populated areas as may be specified by the County Health Officer.
- (4) Burning of household trash and garbage is prohibited.
- (5) No open burning is allowed during Ozone Action Days which run from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (6) Burning is not allowed on windy or overcast days.
- (7) Burning must comply with Forest Service regulations. (See back of application)
- (8) Demolition by fire requires an open burning permit issued to the local fire department and a demolition permit issued to the property owner. Special conditions apply.
- (9) Burning permits are not required for recreational fires; however, smoke must not create a nuisance, health hazard, or unsafe condition.

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## **Maryland Forest Service Regulations 08.07.04**

### **.02 Application**

- A. 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.
- B. These regulations do not apply inside the limits of incorporated towns.

### **.03 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 when the ground is covered with snow the burning may occur at any time so long as all other requirements are met.