

# Open-air Burning Prohibited within the Yadkinville Town Limits, with a Few Exceptions

Section 8-6-2 of the Town Code of Ordinances states that no person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning of refuse, nor conduct a salvage operation by open burning, with the following exceptions:

- Outdoor burning in connection with the preparation of food and for burning leaves.
- Campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes or for ceremonial occasions.
- The open burning of plant life grown on the premises in the course of any agricultural operation may be permitted when it can be shown that such open burning is necessary and in the interest of public health.
- The burning of trees, brush, and shrubs in a properly designed, operated, and maintained open-pit incinerator is permitted on the premises from which the trees, brush, and shrubs originated if approval prior to burning has been granted by Ricky Leonard, the County Fire Marshal, 336-849-7915. An open burning permit does not have to be issued if burning is within 100 feet of a dwelling and can be contained, i.e. water hose, etc.
- Fires set for purpose of training public or private firefighting personnel, with the approval of Ricky Leonard, the County Fire Marshal.
- Fires set or required by a public officer for the abatement of nuisances, and which are necessary in carrying out public health functions, with the approval of the County Fire Marshal.
- Any permitted open burning shall begin only between three hours after sunrise and three hours before sunset, and additional fuel may not be intentionally added to the fire at times outside the limits stated above.

Open burning is regulated by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. A North Carolina Forest Service Burning Permit is required for all burning conducted in any woodland, or within 500 feet of any woodland, during the hours starting at midnight and ending at 4 pm. Contact person is John Kessler, County Ranger, NC Div. of Forest Resources, 336-679-8941. Additional information on air quality and burning regulations can be obtained by calling the North Carolina Division of Air Quality, Winston-Salem Regional Office at (336) 771-5000.

Open burning permits are available online:

[http://ncforestservice.gov/burn\\_permits/burn\\_permits\\_main.htm](http://ncforestservice.gov/burn_permits/burn_permits_main.htm)