



BLECKLEY COUNTY ORDINANCES CONCERNING OPEN BURNS AND PERMITS

Sec. 34-25 Regulated outdoor burning

- (a) This article shall apply in the unincorporated area of Bleckley County and only to open burning of wastes hauled to the open burn via public right-of-way. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit open burning of wastes hauled to the open burn via public right-of-way without obtaining a permit from the Bleckley County Fire Department in accord with O.C.G.A 12-6-90, et seq., and complying with the terms of this article.
- (b) The following types of wastes shall be permitted within an open burn regulated by the terms hereof: only wood wastes consisting of trees, logs, brush, leaves, stumps relatively free of soil, and natural wood products free of wood preserving chemicals, paints, and other contaminants.
- (c) Sawdust, or other densely packed wood wastes, and paper of any type may not be burned within an open burn regulated by terms hereof.
- (d) Tires and other rubber products, plastics, heavy oils or asphalt based, or impregnated materials shall not be used to start or maintain the open burn.

Sec. 34-26 Times for permitted burning

All fires regulated pursuant to this article shall occur between one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset.

Sec. 34-27 Limits - Conditions

A fire regulated in accord with the terms hereof shall not be authorized when conditions are such that the burn may jeopardize the safety of life and/or property. No open burning in accord hereof shall be authorized during an air pollution episode or when restrictions are imposed by a state or federal agency for any reason.

Sec. 34-28 Control of outdoor burn

The party in control of the premises where a permitted burn is located shall be responsible for complying with the terms hereof. All permitted burns shall be always attended by a competent person 18 years or older having the ability to extinguish the fire. The fire marshal shall be authorized to cause any fire to be extinguished if the fire is determined to:

- (1) Pose a danger to public safety; or
- (2) Pose a danger to public or private property; or
- (3) Create environmental harm

Sec. 34-29

The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the Bleckley County Fire Chief, the Bleckley County Fire Marshal, the Bleckley County Marshal's Office, and any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce county ordinances.

Sec. 34-30 Outdoor burning – Additional provisions

All burning operations in Bleckley County shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources including but not limited to Chapter 391-3-1 ("Rules for Air Quality Control") and must be in accordance with permit issued by the Georgia Forestry Commission except as may be specifically modified herein.

- (a) No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning in Bleckley County without a permit except as follows:
 - (1) Recreation/cooking fires. For recreational purposes, cooking food for immediate human consumption, campfires in designated camping areas and barbeque grills. Recreational bonfires are subject to the location and fuel type.
 - (2) Firefighting training. Fires set for training firefighting personnel when authorized by the Bleckley County Fire Chief.
- (b) The burning of "household" garbage, trash and construction debris is prohibited.
- (c) The Bleckley County Fire Department shall have the authority to cause any fire to be extinguished if it is determined that there is a danger to public safety, a danger to public or private property, a nuisance or sign of environmental harm.
- (d) The fire chief, or his designee, may grant specific exceptions or variances to any requirement of this article, upon written petition, if it is deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- (e) The fire chief, or his or her designee, shall have the authority to impose additional safety precautions or restrict burning, including the issuance of a complete open burning ban, if it is determined that open burning imposes a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING AN OPEN BURNING PERMIT

TEXT 478-230-7300 WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 1. Name: of person conducting/responsible for the burn**
- 2. Location: physical address of the burn**
- 3. Type of burn:**
 - (a) Light vegetation – open field, grass/brush, leaves, etc.**
 - (b) Heavy vegetation – trees, stumps, limbs, rough cut lumber**
- 4. Phone Number: of person conducting/responsible for the burn**

Open Burn Permit # will be the last 4 digits of the phone number of the person conducting/responsible for the burn.