



Frederick County, Virginia Fire and Rescue Department



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Public Notice: Burn Ban has been lifted.

Effective April 1, 2024 Frederick County will be lifting the Burn Ban that was put in place on March 20, 2024.

We would like to thank everybody for your cooperation during the burn ban. We will continue to monitor the weather patterns and ground fuel moisture, working with our state and federal partners. Please continue to monitor the county's website and social media pages for further notifications.

The Frederick County Fire Marshal's office would like to remind everyone that fire safety starts with you. While conducting any burning operation please take safety first and obey all burning regulations.

February 15th – April 30th Open Burning is allowed between 4:00pm and 12:00am

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) mandates and enforces the “**4:00pm burning law**” effective February 15th through April 30th of each year during which open burning may only take place between the hours of 4:00pm and 12:00midnight.

Open burning is allowed under the following conditions:

- When not otherwise prohibited as outlined in the above **Open Burning Regulations** section.
- **All such open burning must be reported to the Frederick County Emergency Communications Center at (540) 665-5645 prior to ignition and when the fire is extinguished.**
- Open burning may be no closer than 500 ft. from a brush/wood line.

- Open burning may be no closer than 500 ft. from an occupied dwelling, excluding your own, without prior written permission from the occupant(s) of the neighboring occupied dwellings.
- Fires shall be attended at all times by competent persons 18 years of age or older. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
 - If at any time the fire is not attended it must be fully extinguished.
 - Legally set open air fires are subject to all local regulations.

For further information please go to our website

<https://www.fcva.us/departments/fire-rescue/fire-marshal-life-safety/code-enforcement/open-burning>

or use QR code below.

