

# FORSYTH COUNTY – OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION



## REGISTRATION FORM - LAND CLEARING OPEN BURNING

### Instructions

1. In accordance with Forsyth County Air Quality Technical Code (FCAQTC) Rule 3D .0202, this form is for registering *land clearing open burning activities, including the use of air curtain burners.*
2. This registration must be submitted to the Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection at least seven (7) days before the anticipated initiation of the open burning. An in-office visit with open burning staff is necessary. You may bring this form with you when you come.
3. Open burning of land clearing debris is prohibited in Forsyth County unless **all** of the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ The wind direction at the time that the burning is initiated and as forecasted by the National Weather Service during the time of the burning are away from any area which may be affected by smoke, ash, or other air pollutants from the burning.
  - ✓ The location of the burning is at least 1,000 feet from any dwelling, group of dwellings, or commercial or institutional establishment, or other occupied structure not located on the property on which the burning is conducted.
  - ✓ Only land cleared plant growth is burned (kerosene, distillate oil, or diesel fuel may be used to start the fire).
  - ✓ Initial burning begins only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and no combustible material is added to the fire between 6:00 p.m. on one day and 8:00 a.m. on the following day.
  - ✓ No open burning is allowed on days with air quality forecasts of code “orange”, “red” or “purple.”
  - ✓ No fires are started or vegetation is added to existing fires when the Division of Forest Resources has banned burning for that area.
  - ✓ The material to be burned must originate from the land being cleared or the area being maintained.
4. Registration of land clearing open burning activities does not provide approval or any determination by the Department that the proposed open burning activity will meet the exceptions to the open burning prohibition under FCAQTC Rule 3D .1903(b)(2).
5. Failure to register or satisfy all the exceptions will be considered violations of the FCAQTC subject to enforcement action including civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per violation per day.
6. Registration forms should be submitted to:

**Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection**  
**Forsyth County Government Center**  
**201 N Chestnut St, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-4120**  
**Fax: (336) 727-2777 or bring to office when you visit**
7. For further assistance call the Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection at **(336) 703-2440**

For the local air quality forecast go to <http://www.forsyth.cc/EAP/dailyforecast.aspx> . For wind forecasts in Forsyth County go to <http://forsyth.cc/EAP/localweather.aspx> and click on “**Click here for latest NWS forecast**”. Check just prior to burning to assure the most recent forecast.

***A Permit must be obtained from the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources prior to any burning. A permit from Forest Resources does not exempt you from the provisions of the Air Quality Regulations. Contact Forsyth County Ranger for more information about the Forest Service Permit at 336-767-7269***

## REGISTRATION FOR LAND CLEARING OPEN BURNING

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Company Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical/Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Street Address or Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Duration: \_\_\_\_ (days) Operating Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage Being Cleared: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Debris Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the burning will be conducted including any measures intended to ensure that the exceptions to the open burning prohibition under Rule 3D .1903(b)(2) will be satisfied:

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Have you attached the following information?:	Yes	No
1. A scaled <i>county tax</i> map for the area being cleared and burned that shows property lines and all building/residence locations. <b>Note:</b> You may have to scale in a building/house if the tax map is not up to date with the area being developed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are all burn pile locations sited on the county tax map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are circles drawn indicating 1000 feet from each burn pile (500 feet for air curtain burners) and a 250 feet circle to show distance from roads?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is this burning being done for routine maintenance or property clean-up activities <i>not</i> connected with new construction or other development? If you answer “yes” to this question, you may not be able to perform this land-clearing open burning activity. Call the Department to discuss your options.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this form and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true, complete, and accurate.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name/Title

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