

FAIRFIELD GLADE OPEN BURNING POLICY

Effective 2-23-2017

(Approved by the Fairfield Glade Board of Directors 2-23-2017)

Background

The Fairfield Glade Community Club has developed the following policy for open burning pertaining to all properties within Fairfield Glade. Open burning of flammable materials represents a potential fire, health and environmental hazard to residents of Fairfield Glade and Cumberland County.

Purpose

The purpose is to establish a policy to protect all parties living and working in Fairfield Glade from unauthorized, uncontrolled and unhealthy by-products of certain type fires; also dangerous fires which may cause loss of life, property and harm to the environment.

Notice

The Fairfield Glade Fire Department (FGFD) shall be notified of all non-allowed burns to determine if a *Written Permission Notice* may have been issued for a special reason by the FGFD Fire Chief. Otherwise, there is NO open burning allowed except for Allowed Burns and Special Open Burns as defined and provided below.

Definitions and Provisions

No Open Burning

There is No Open Burning allowed within the boundaries of Fairfield Glade whatsoever, except as noted below.

Allowed Burns

Wood burning or gas fireplaces, gas grills, charcoal grills (disposal of ashes to an approved metal container & wet down with a water hose) & approved metal recreational fire pits (with a screen) bought at a store.

Burning lawn and garden waste, asphalt products, plastics, treated lumber, rubber and flammable or combustible materials is NOT allowed.

Special Open Burns

Special Open Burns are only allowed for the Fairfield Glade Public Works Department & Contractors at identified approved locations. A *Written Permission Notice* needs to be obtained from the FGFD Fire Chief or designate 24 hours prior to the open burn. The *Written Permission Notice* is issued at the discretion of the FGFD Fire Chief or designate and may be revoked for just cause at any time. A copy of the *Written Permission Notice* with its requirements shall be given to the requestor and the other copy kept with the FGFD.

Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of the person conducting the above activities to comply with all Federal, State, Local, and Fairfield Glade codes. It shall also be the responsibility of the person conducting the above activities to control the fire and use extreme care in times of drought, high winds, dry vegetation or other hazardous conditions. All cooking and recreational fires must be attended at all times.

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Further Limitations

Any Allowed Burns or Special Open Burns shall be limited to the hours between 7:00am and 11:00pm unless otherwise approved by the FGFD Fire Chief.

911

Call 911 immediately for any open burns which become out of control.

Variances

Variances to this policy may be granted by application through the Fairfield Glade Board of Directors.

Policy Violations

Any person or organization violating the provisions of this policy shall be subject to a fine. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. The penalties shall be separate and apart and not in lieu of all other civil or criminal penalties, which may be imposed under Federal, State or Cumberland County laws. Continuous violators will be turned over to the State Fire Marshall for corrective actions.