

OPEN BURNING POLICY

GENERAL:

1. Open burning of leaves on the premises on which they fall by the person in control of the premises shall not require a burning permit from the Fire Department if the premises consists of one acre of land or less. **But they must notify the Fire Department prior to burning.**
2. Any burning on private or public property for items other than leaves shall require approval from the Union City Fire Marshal's office.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH OPEN BURNING IS PERMITTED:

1. The fire will be on premises owned, rented, or otherwise under the person's control or care.
2. No burning will be done when the winds exceed 10 mph, unless approved by the Fire Department.
3. The location of the burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure or the fire shall be contained in an approved waste burner located safely not less than 15 feet from any structure.
4. A competent person shall constantly attend the fire and such person shall have suitable fire extinguishment equipment readily available for use.
5. Burning of leaves and limbs is allowed only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
6. Heavy oils, asphalt materials, items containing natural or synthetic rubber, or any materials other than plant growth **shall not be burned.**
7. Vegetative debris from land development shall not be burned on top of the ground and may only be burned in an approved pit with the use of an air curtain destructor. **(COORDINATE WITH UNION CITY FIRE MARSHAL)**
8. **All fires must be completely extinguished by darkness.**
9. Open burning may be cancelled or extinguished by any fire official or by the Code Enforcement Officer of Union City for any weather conditions, hazard conditions, or health problems that may exist from the burning.
10. The person burning shall call (770) 515-7958 or (770) 515-7882 each day to advise the Fire Department of their plan to burn and to ascertain if weather conditions allow for burning on that day. No one shall conduct an open burn for more than five days without approval of the Fire Marshal of Union City.
11. **Open burning is prohibited during the months of May, June, July, August, and September.** Except for the recreational purpose of cooking food for human consumption.