



west virginia department of environmental protection

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Approval to Conduct Open Burning
(Land Clearing Debris Only)

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Exact location including county where burning will occur: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance to closest residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge of burning and phone number (cell preferred) where this person can be contacted during all burning activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of material to be burned: \_\_\_\_\_

Acres cleared: \_\_\_\_\_ Burning start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Before burning commences, please notify your county Office of Emergency Services

The following conditions must be met:

- 1. No trash, asphaltic, rubber or plastic materials are to be burned.
2. No construction or demolition debris are to be burned.
3. There is no practical alternative disposal method for the vegetation to be burned.
4. The vegetation must be grown on the premises and thoroughly dried, at least 10 days.
5. Burning must be conducted during daylight hours only. Fires must be completely extinguished and not allowed to smolder overnight.
6. Give careful consideration to the effects, or potential effects, on other people or property. Time of day, proximity, type of materials, wind direction and other weather conditions have a bearing on the effect to others.
7. No trunks, limbs or stumps over 8 inches in diameter (before splitting) are to be burned. The open burning of roots and stumps mixed with dirt is prohibited.
8. All burning must comply with Division of Air Quality Rules and the enclosed pamphlet.
9. A permit must be obtained from the Division of Forestry during forest fire season (March 1 - May 31 and October 1 - December 31) to burn between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Copy of Forestry permit must be submitted with this application.
10. If complaints are received, burning must cease immediately and a pit burner may be required.
11. Call the Wheeling DAQ office at (304) 238-1220 each day before burning to check for adverse air quality conditions.

In addition, this approval is subject to the condition checked below:

- A pit burner must be used for burning all vegetation at this site. Setup and operation of the pit burner must be in conformance with manufacturer's specifications.

Note that the Division of Forestry also requires all combustible materials be removed at least 10 feet from material to be burned and that someone must attend the fire at all times.

Applicant sign: \_\_\_\_\_ DAQ Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_
Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Burning approval is still required from DAQ after forest fire season is over.