

## Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau

### BURNING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LAKESITE, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, SODDY-DAISY, WALDEN OR UNINCORPORATED HAMILTON COUNTY

Burning outdoors emits smoke and other products of combustion directly into the air. Smoke from outdoor burning fills our air with fine particles that can lodge deep in our lungs and make breathing difficult. Burning is the number one complaint received by the Bureau. Many times, the person calling is experiencing breathing problems because a neighbor is burning.

#### ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING

The use of burning as a means of disposal is discouraged. Below are some alternatives to burning:

**Backyard Composting.** One solution to eliminating already crowded landfills is composting. Composting is an excellent way to extend the lives of landfills, reduce air pollution and provide a much needed product for your landscaping projects--rich soil and mulch.

**Wood Waste Recycling Center.** The center is located at 3925 North Hawthorne Street in East Chattanooga. The facility accepts logs, brush and non-construction wood waste. There is a per ton charge for wood waste. For more information call 423-425-6311 or check the City of Chattanooga's web page at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov).

**Landfill.** The City Landfill is located at 9327 Birchwood Pike in Harrison. There is a per ton charge. For more information call 423-425-6311 or check the City of Chattanooga's web page at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov).

#### CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN A BURNING PERMIT

Burning will be allowed only if the following conditions are met and the Bureau Director has issued a Burning Permit:

1. The material must not be accessible for pickup service.
2. There must be no other reasonable method of disposal.
3. An application must be submitted to the Director accompanied by a five dollar (\$5.00) application fee. This fee is non-refundable even if the permit cannot be issued.
4. The burning must not present an obvious health hazard or nuisance to others.
5. Only untreated wood and vegetation can be burned.

Burning permits cannot be issued until the permit application has been reviewed by Bureau personnel and, where appropriate, an on-site inspection is made by the Fire Marshall and Air Pollution Control personnel at the convenience of such inspectors. If a permit is issued, the applicant must sign and abide by the conditions listed on the permit. Non-compliance with any of the conditions is a violation of the law, and is punishable by fine or penalty up to \$25,000 per day. All permits expire on April 30. Burning is not allowed between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Bureau Investigator, John Schultz, will answer questions concerning burning. You may reach him at 643-5988.

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**BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR LESS THAN TWO ACRES  
(Unincorporated Hamilton County, Lakesite, Lookout Mountain, Signal Mountain, Soddy Daisy, Walden)**

**THIS IS NOT A BURNING PERMIT**

	APPLICANT	INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY CONDUCTING THE BURNING (IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT)
Name		
Mailing Address		
City/State/Zip		
Daytime Phone - Area Code and Number	(    )	(    )
Nighttime Phone - Area Code and Number	(    )	(    )
Address of burning site (If you are using a lot number, a street name must also be provided)		
Type of material you are requesting to burn		
Amount of material you are requesting to burn (Examples: Number of pick-up truck loads, cubic feet brush cleared from 1/2 acre, or limbs that fall during the year)		
Is the burning site within 500 feet from any of the following? (Any of the following checked yes may require an inspection)		
	YES	NO
Medical Facility	_____	_____
Commercial Business	_____	_____
School/Daycare	_____	_____
Airport	_____	_____
State / Federal Highway	_____	_____
Is the burning site within 100 feet of a residence other than any located on the burn site?		
	YES	NO
	_____	_____
Give reasons which, in your opinion, justify disposal by burning rather than other methods creating less pollution		

Some reasons why your application may not be approved for a burning permit:

1. If the material you are requesting to burn is other than vegetation and/or untreated, non-manufactured wood materials.
2. Generally if you are within 100 feet of the nearest residence or commercial business (other than the one at the burn site), within 500 feet of a medical facility, school, daycare, state or federal highway or airport.
3. If the amount cleared, or to be cleared within 12 months, is more than two acres in size.
4. If the material you are requesting to burn is from a location different from the burn site.

A \$5.00 non-refundable application fee must accompany this application. Make checks payable to the Air Pollution Control Bureau. There will be a \$30.00 fee for all returned checks. Your permit will be your receipt. Incomplete applications will be returned. Faxed applications will not be accepted. ALL PERMITS EXPIRE ON APRIL 30, 2010.

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Signature

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Date

**Do Not Write Below This Line**

Date of Inspection:	By:	Approved or Denied	Comments:
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Amount Paid:	Cash or Check #:	Permit Number:
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