

GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

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OUTDOOR BURNING RULE & CHECKLIST (TITLE 30 TAC 111.201-111.221)

Exception Registration

Outdoor burning is prohibited in the State of Texas except under certain conditions. Fill out this checklist to determine if your proposed burn site will meet the stipulations of exemption. When completed, this document will be sent to the local fire and law enforcement officials having jurisdiction over your burn location to notify them that you intend to conduct an outdoor burn. Any variation from the conditions listed below will constitute an illegal burn and make the burner subject to fines for violating State Burning Laws. In all cases, the burner is ultimately liable for damages, injuries, or other consequences that may result from burning.

Please fill in all fields and sign to certify your understanding of these conditions.

1. What are the proposed dates for your burn? _____
2. What type of material will be burned? Estimate how much? _____
3. Is water available at site location? _____
4. What is the purpose of the proposed burn? _____

IF YOU CAN NOT RESPOND "YES" TO EACH CONDITION BELOW, YOU MAY NOT CONDUCT AN OUTDOOR BURN IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

1. I will be burning outside the corporate limits of a city or a town.	YES _____
2. I will only burn when the wind direction is not blowing smoke toward any public road, landing strip, navigable water, off site house, or business. If smoke begins to impact road, a Flagperson will direct traffic while fire is being extinguished. Winds will be between 6 and 23 mph.	YES _____
3. Burn site is downwind of or at least 300 feet away from any neighboring house, or business. (This requirement may be waived only with prior written approval of the resident and owner of that establishment and included with this registration.)	YES _____
4. I will not burn earlier than one hour <i>after</i> sunrise, and no later than one hour <i>before</i> sunset each day of the burn.	YES _____
5. I will be present during all phases of the burning	YES _____
6. I will not burn electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber.	YES _____

**You must contact your law enforcement dispatch the morning you will be burning. See back of this form for numbers.
This registration is valid for 30 days from the signature date.**

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Street or PO Box, City, Zip Code)

Site Address: _____
(Street, City, Zip Code)

I have read and understand the above conditions to the outdoor burning rule and will conduct my burn in accordance with state laws.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to: Galveston County Health District
Air & Water Pollution Services
1205 Oak Street / P.O. Box 939
La Marque, Texas 77568
(409) 938-2251 or (409) 938-2271 fax

**Fire Notification
Contacts for Unincorporated Areas**

All areas must call:

Galveston County Sheriff's Dept	Phone	(409) 766-2322
	Fax	(409) 766-2261

Additionally, if you are burning in one of the areas listed below you must also call the appropriate contact for your area:

Bacliff VFD	Phone	(281) 339-1634
P.O. Box 751	Fax	(281) 339-1073
Bacliff, TX 77518		

San Leon VFD	Phone or Fax	(281) 559-1312
P.O. Box 5296		
San Leon, TX 77539		

For Santa Fe area advance burn notification, also contact: Santa Fe Police Department		(409) 925-2000
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Other Contacts for Santa Fe:	Phone	(409) 925-7331
Santa Fe Fire and Rescue	Fax	(409) 925-7330
Business Office		
P.O. Box 99		
Santa Fe, TX 77510		

**If the area of your burn site is not listed, contact the
Galveston County Sheriff's Department**