



Information About Open Or Surface Burning In Shelby County, Tennessee

It is always against the law without permission from the Fire Department.

To see if a permit to burn can be issued to you call: 901-222-8000



1. Burning permit must remain on the premises during the time of burning.
2. Burn only by method approved by Fire Department Personnel.
3. **DO NOT** burn if the wind velocity is over 15 miles per hour.
4. You must have a responsible person attend the fire **AT ALL TIMES**.
5. Burning is to be done during daylight hours only **UNLESS** specifically approved otherwise by the Fire Official.
6. Make certain that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving it.
7. Provide means to extinguish the fire at any time that it might become necessary.
8. If an "Air Curtain Destructor" is used, ensure that the fire pit is of a proper dimension.
9. **DO NOT** burn tar paper, roofing rubber or similar materials that create an excessive amount of smoke or obnoxious odor.
10. A fence is to be erected around the burning pit when the fire is out and left unattended.
11. Permit for burning is subject to withdrawal if rules and regulations are violated or excessive smoke or obnoxious odors cause complaints.
12. Call the Shelby County Fire Department at: 901 - 222-8000 before the fire is started and then again when the fire has been put out.
13. The holder of the burn permit is responsible and liable for any damages due to the negligence on their part or anyone assisting them and does **NOT** hold the Shelby County Fire Department liable.