



OUTDOOR BURNING POLICY & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ALL OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE CORPORATE LIMITS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPECIFIC PERMISSIBLE OPEN BURNING AS DESCRIBED IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

General Regulations:

Fires must be attended at all times. A fire extinguisher or garden hose must be available to extinguish the fire at all times, if needed. Only dry firewood, charcoal or commercially produced artificial logs may be burned. Burn responsibly!

Portable or Permanent Outdoor Fire Pits/Tables or Chimneas:

These devices are allowed provided they are located a minimum of **25 feet** of separation from combustible materials including decks, structures, pine straw, leaves, etc. The manufacturer's instructions must be followed.

Fire Pits:

All fire pits must be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. The fire may not be within **25 feet** of a structure or combustible material. A fire pit is NOT considered an outdoor or portable outdoor fireplace.

Nuisance:

Smoke from an allowable outdoor fire is NOT considered a nuisance unless a harmful substance is being burned, releasing noxious fumes and gases into the air.

Burning Yard Debris:

In an area that provides yard debris collection, the burning of yard debris and clippings is NOT allowed. This is regulated by the NC Air Quality Rules.

Land Clearing:

Outdoor burning to clear land is only allowed when appropriate permits have been obtained through NC Air Quality. They can be contacted in Fayetteville, NC at 910-433-3300 or at the State office at (919) 707-8400.

Extinguishing an Outdoor Fire:

You may be required to extinguish the fire by officials if the identified regulations are not met, it creates hazardous conditions, occurs during a burn ban or very dry conditions.

If you have any additional questions:

Carthage Fire Department
(910) 947-2226

Town of Carthage Administrative Offices
(910) 947-23

