



## Annual Burn Ban Now in Place

**May 2017**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) imposes a total ban on outdoor burning in 54 Counties – including Gwinnett County - annually from May 1 to September 30.

The Georgia EPD imposes a ban on outdoor burning to comply with Federal Clean Air Regulations. During the summer months in Georgia, the ozone in the air we breathe can reach unhealthy levels. The Georgia EPD has identified open burning as a significant contributor of the pollutants that form ozone. Consequently, open burning in metro Atlanta and larger counties must be restricted during the summer months.

From May 1 – September 30, The Open Burning Ban prohibits citizens and businesses from burning yard and land-clearing debris. This rule is in addition to the year-round state ban on the burning of household garbage.

If you suspect someone is improperly burning please report it by calling 770-513-5700. For additional information, please contact the Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services at 678-518-4980 or go to the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal website at [www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com).

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