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## **GWINNETT COUNTY BURN BAN ENDS SEPT. 30**

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

Once the Burn Ban has been lifted on Oct. 1, please note you MUST first check with Gwinnett County Fire Marshall as to whether it is an allowable burn day. Many factors such as atmospheric conditions come into play that affect whether you can burn, and this can change on a daily basis.

A few of these factors are - prevailing winds that are predicted to be, or are, in excess of 15 miles per hour, air pollution episodes, the National Weather Service issues a "Red Flag Warning" or a "Fire Weather Watch," when there is fog, rain, or a cloud base that is diffused or ill-defined – these are just some of the factors taken into consideration as to whether it will be an allowable burn day or not.

The burning of leaves, limbs, and natural vegetation on one's property shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure and not less than twenty-five (25) feet from the property line.

No burning of solid waste or household garbage is allowed. Burning is NOT allowed on Sundays or nights.

This is not the full content of the Gwinnett Department of Fire and Emergency Services "Outdoor and Open Burning" and "Outdoor Burning Ordinance Restrictions" and should not be interpreted as such. For the complete content please visit the [Gwinnett County Fire Marshal site](#) then select the tab on the left marked "Outdoor Burning."

Remember BEFORE BURNING check with Gwinnett County Fire Marshal first at either of the two contacts below:

**Burn Information Line 678-518-4979 or [www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com)**

The Burn Information line and website are updated daily by 9:00 a.m.  
If you suspect someone is improperly burning, please report it by calling 770-513-5700.

***\*Remember: Do not bury the fire. The fire will continue to smolder. Tree roots could catch on fire which will eventually surface and start a wildfire. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!***