



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

FIRE RESCUE

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Effective 8:00 am Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Due to the extremely dry weather conditions, in an abundance of caution, all open burning is hereby prohibited in the unincorporated areas of New Hanover County until further notice. This ban on open burning is in conjunction with the statewide ban on open burning issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture – Division of Forestry. Any previously issued burn permits are cancelled and no new permits will be issued until the ban is lifted.

The New Hanover County open burning ban applies only to the unincorporated areas (those areas outside the municipal limits of Wilmington, and the beach towns) and prohibits open burning of yard debris, brush, trees, firewood in open pits, as well as any other items already prohibited by state law (construction debris, furniture, trash, or any other non-natural vegetation) within 100 feet of any structure. The ban does not apply to outdoor cooking using charcoal or gas grills; however, fire officials advise to use caution to ensure sparks or hot coals do not escape the grill. Use extreme caution when discard smoking materials and ensure the are completely extinguished and properly disposed of in a non-combustible container.

The open burning ban is instituted for your safety and that of your neighbors. Violations of the open burning ban may result in fines and civil penalties. The open burning ban will remain in place until further notice. To report a fire emergency call 911. For further information on the status of the burn ban please monitor the local media or contact New Hanover County Fire Rescue at (910) 798-7420.

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