HOW TO OBTAIN A CITY OF ATHENS BURN PERMIT



MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Call 423-744-2789

WEEKEND PERMITS

Call on Fridays by 5:00 p.m. to obtain a permit to burn for Saturday or Sunday.

To obtain a burn permit for McMinn County, please call 877-350-2876 or visit burnsafetn..org

SAFETY MESSAGE

The Athens City Fire Department encourages everyone to use caution when barbecuing with charcoal grills, smokers, and using outdoor fire pits. Do not use these devices near walls or any portion of a structure.

The City of Athens abides by all state burning laws.

Restrictions Include:

- Burning after dark without approval of the on-duty shift supervisor.
- Burn projects larger than 10 cubic yards will only be permitted by forced air pit burning.
- Permission must be obtained prior to any outdoor burning taking place.
- The City of Athens does not permit the burning of leaves, tires or rubber products, vinyl siding, shingles, plastic, paper products including cardboard, asphalt roofing materials, demolition debris, building or construction materials, paint or aerosol cans, copper or electrical wires, or household trash.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A BURN PERMIT:

Only clean wood waste and vegetation grown on the property may be burned. Any mad-made materials (including manufactured lumber and building products, garbage, rubbish, refuse, trash or tires may NOT be burned and are not authorized by a permit. Wood waste is NOT manufactured lumber or building products.

A permit does not authorize the burning of vegetation like leaves and brush (other than wood waste), if it transported from the property of origin for disposal.

Burning will not be allowed on windy days, or at night. Burning must also be limited to days when air quality is forecasted to be Good or Moderate.

The person who is issued a burn permit is the Responsible Person and is responsible for the fire and any damage the fire may create if it is allowed to spread. The Responsible Person shall ensure that a portable fire extinguisher or water source is available at the permitted location of the fire and will be sufficient to control the fire if necessary to prevent spread of the fire. The Responsible Person shall ensure that the fire is attended AT ALL TIMES until it is fully extinguished.

⚠ NO BURNING AFTER DARK!!!

Permits are only issued on the day the burning will take place (exception - Saturday and Sunday) and are only good for one day .

Complaints to the Fire Department regarding smoke, blowing embers, etc. will result in fire units being dispatched to extinguish the fire.

