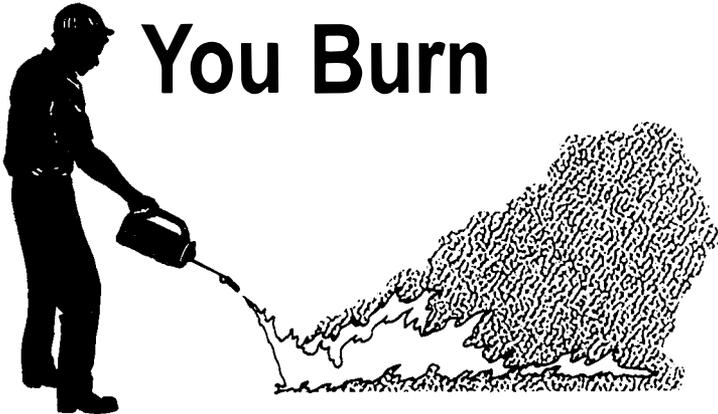


There's Something You Should Know Before You Burn



CODE OF ALABAMA

Title 9 - Chapter 13

Section 11

It is a felony crime to:

(a)1. Willfully, maliciously, or intentionally burn, set fire to, or cause to be burned or any fire to be set to any forest, grass, etc.

It is a crime to:

(b)1. Allow fires to escape to adjoining lands.

(b)2. Burn brush, grass, or debris without taking reasonable precautions.

(b)3. Set fire to any brush, grass or debris without clearing surrounding flammable materials from a reasonable safe distance.

(b)4. Set a fire within or near any forest, woodland or grass land and leave such fire before it is totally extinguished.

(b)5. Remove or deface any warning signs or posted notices.

(b)6. Burn any new ground, fields, grassland or woodland without first obtaining a permit.

Why Have This Law?

The law is designed to ensure that outdoor burning is conducted safely and to prevent the spread of careless wildfire. It protects Alabama's forests . . . our most important natural resource.

NOTE: Burning household trash and garbage is a violation of the public health law.

The Law Is Enforced

Alabama Forestry Commission officers enforce this law.

Violations can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail. It's the law, and it's to protect your land from your neighbor's carelessness. This law is enforced in cooperation with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, city, county and state governments, and local city and volunteer fire departments.

Permit Required

State law requires that you secure a “permit” **BEFORE** you burn any woodland, grassland, field or new ground that is over 1/4 acre in size or lies within 25 feet of natural fuels, such as woods or grass. **There is no cost for the permit.**

How to Obtain a Permit

A permit is a telephone authorization to burn. To obtain a burn permit, simply call the Alabama Forestry Commission’s toll-free number in your area. The numbers and corresponding counties are listed on the back page of this brochure. You will need the following information:

- ◆ Location of the property, including the section, township and range. Local Alabama Forestry Commission personnel can assist you with this information.
- ◆ The approximate time, date, and type of burning.

Be Fire Safe

To receive the permit, you must comply with the following:

- ◆ Have the adequate tools, equipment and manpower to control your fire and keep it from escaping.
- ◆ Stay with your fire until it is completely out.



Toll-Free Numbers to Obtain a Permit

Please call the toll-free number listed below for the county where you will be burning:

Florence ◆ **1-800-942-3107**

Colbert, Cullman, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Marion, Morgan, Winston

Northport ◆ **1-800-452-5923**

Bibb, Fayette, Jefferson, Lamar, Pickens, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Walker

Brownsboro ◆ **1-800-572-2017**

Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Madison, Marshall

Dadeville ◆ **1-800-492-3711**

Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, St. Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa

Montgomery ◆ **1-800-392-5679**

Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike, Russell

Brewton ◆ **1-800-672-3076**

Baldwin, Conecuh, Escambia, Monroe

Bay Minette ◆ **1-800-672-6912**

Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, Washington

Selma ◆ **1-800-242-2504**

Autauga, Chilton, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, Sumter, Wilcox

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