

For Land Clearing Rules and Regulations or  
any additional questions on burning, please  
contact the  
Fire Marshal's Office

Gainesville Fire Department  
725 Pine Street  
Gainesville, Georgia, 30501  
(770)534-3612

Atlanta Ozone Non-Attainment Area Burn Ban effective  
May 1 - September 30 annually



## **BURN PERMITS**

*Call Before You Burn*

**Permit Line: (770)534-3612**  
**7 days a week 8am-5pm**

## **Rules for Residential Burning**

Burning Requirements for residences within the city limits of Gainesville during October 1 - April 30 annually:

- Burning should be conducted between sunrise and sunset.
- You may burn only the following items: Leaves, grass, or small limbs that have fallen from the trees on YOUR PROPERTY. Limbs should not be over 3" in diameter.
- Fire location shall be 50 feet from any structure and 50 feet from all property lines.
- A competent adult must be present the entire time the fire is burning.
- A functional water hose or method of extinguishment must be present to control and extinguish the fire.
- Fire must be completely out before dark. This means no smoldering or hot coals remaining. Permits issued are good for that day ONLY.
- No burning on windy days (10 mph or higher) or on days when the atmospheric conditions (cloudy, overcast or raining) would cause the smoke to remain low to the ground.
- Fires may not be started with petroleum based products.
- Do not burn ANY building materials, furniture, plastic, clothing, ANY rubber or tires, newspapers, household garbage, boxes.
- Cooking fires shall be in a contained area consisting of a 3ftx3ft area.

## **Burning Checklist**

- ✓ Obtain the proper permit. (Residential, Land Clearing)
- ✓ Garden Hose or Method of Extinguishment must be present.
- ✓ Burn only the items listed on the opposite page (i.e. leaves, grass, or small tree limbs).
- ✓ Must be more than 50' from any structure or property line.
- ✓ A competent adult must attend the fire at all times. NO fire should be left unattended
- ✓ Common Sense should always prevail.
- ✓ Fires must be completely out by dark. (No smoldering or hot coals should be remaining).

***The City of Gainesville Fire Marshal has the right to suspend permits due to health concerns and changes in weather conditions.***