



OUTDOOR BURNING FAQs Village of Pinehurst

Outdoor burning of any type is prohibited in the Village of Pinehurst corporate limits with the exception of specific permissible open burning as described in the State Administrative Code. Following are questions that the fire department frequently receives concerning the regulations governing outdoor or open burning.

May I have a portable/permanent outdoor fire place, fire table, or chimnea?

Yes. However, you must provide a minimum of 15 feet of separation from combustible material (structures, decks, pine straw, leaves, etc.) and follow the manufacturer's instructions. An approved method to extinguish the fire must be available for immediate use, and the fire must be constantly attended until extinguished. You may **not** burn synthetic material, refuse, yard waste or salvageable material for fuel.

May I have a fire pit?

Yes. However, the fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. The fire **may not** be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. An approved method to extinguish the fire must be available for immediate utilization, and the fire must be constantly attended until extinguished. You may **not** burn synthetic material, refuse, yard waste or salvageable material for fuel. A fire pit is not considered an outdoor or portable outdoor fireplace.



My neighbor thinks the smoke created by my outdoor fire place stinks. Is this considered a nuisance and can I be prohibited from using it solely because he/she objects to the odor?

No. Smoke from an allowable outdoor fire is not considered a nuisance under the Open Burning Rules.

When can I be required to extinguish an outdoor fire?

You may be required to extinguish the fire by fire officials if the identified parameters are not met, it creates hazardous conditions, occurs during a burning ban, occurs during adverse atmospheric conditions, or does not comply with regulations.

May I dispose of my yard debris and clippings by burning it?

No. Disposing of yard debris through burning within the Village of Pinehurst is **not allowed** because curbside pick-up is provided. This is regulated by North Carolina Air Quality Rules.

May I pile debris and burn it for land clearing?

Outdoor burning is prohibited in the Village of Pinehurst corporate limits with the exception of specific permissible open burning as described in the State Administrative Code. In developed areas, it is unlikely that NC Air Quality Rules allowing open burning can be met.

May property be burned for forest management?

Outdoor burning is prohibited in the Village of Pinehurst corporate limits with the exception of specific permissible open burning as described in the State Administrative Code. Under certain circumstances acreage tracts of woodland may be burned under an approved prescribed burn plan for forest management.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

Pinehurst Fire Dept (910) 295-5575

NC Air Quality (910) 433-3300

NC Forest Service (910) 235-0216