



Perquimans County, NC

Perquimans County Local Burn Ban Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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In response to the statewide burn ban issued by the North Carolina Forest Service, Perquimans County is enacting a local burn ban to further protect lives and property. This ban applies to unincorporated areas of Perquimans County, including the Town of Hertford and Town of Winfall.

The statewide ban prohibits all open burning across North Carolina due to hazardous fire conditions, including dry fuels, low humidity, and increased wildfire activity.

However, under state law, the statewide burn ban does not apply within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. Local fire marshals have the authority to regulate or prohibit burning in this area.

To close this gap, Perquimans County is implementing a countywide burn ban that includes all open burning, including within 100 feet of structures.

What is prohibited:

- Burning leaves, limbs, or yard debris
- Fire pits and campfires
- Any open flame not contained in approved cooking devices

What may still be allowed:

- Grills or cooking devices (gas/charcoal), unless otherwise restricted

Violations may result in notifications and/or fines in accordance with the NC Fire Prevention Code. In addition, individuals may be held responsible for fire suppression costs if a fire escapes.

For questions, contact Perquimans-Gates 911 Communications at 252-426-5751.

The burn ban will remain in effect until conditions improve and the statewide ban is lifted.

This local action ensures full coverage of the burn ban within Perquimans County and reduces the risk of accidental wildfires during this period of elevated fire danger.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan A. Nixon".

Jonathan A. Nixon, Perquimans County Assistant Fire Marshal