

**\*\*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS\*\***  
**EPD AIR QUALITY RULES MODIFICATIONS**

In September 1995, The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) modified the Rules for Air Quality control (Chapter 391-3-1) as they pertain to Open Burning.

**Effective January 9, 2005, outdoor burning is banned during the months of May, June, July, August and September in the following counties:**

**Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Floyd, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Richmond, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, Walker and Walton.**

Open Burning will be permitted in the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April for the purpose of land clearing or construction or right-of-way maintenance provided the following conditions are met.

1. Prevailing winds at the time of the burning are away from the major portion of the areas's population;
2. The location of the burning is at least 1,000 feet from any occupied structure, or lesser distance if approved by the Division;
3. The amount of dirt on or in the material being burned is minimized;
4. Heavy oils, asphaltic materials, items containing natural or synthetic rubber, or any materials other than plant growth are not being burned;
5. No more than one pile 60 feet by 60 feet, or equivalent, is being burned within a 9 acre area at one time.

In addition to the above provisions, the EPD Rules require permits from the fire department and the Georgia Forestry Office, when required, and the use of air curtain destructors when Open Burning is permitted in these areas.

For other provisions in counties with total population exceeding 65,000, see Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Rules for Air Quality Control Chapter 391-3-1, Open Burning, effective January 9, 2005.

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