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**BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING GOES INTO EFFECT MAY 1**

*Ban lasts until October*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – A countywide, state-mandated burning ban goes into effect in Forsyth County May 1 and lasts through September 30. The ban prohibits all outdoor burning including the burning of leaves, trash, yard debris and storm damage.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division imposes the ban on outdoor burning to comply with Federal Clean Air Regulations. During the summer months in Georgia, the ozone in the air can reach unhealthy levels. Open burning has been identified as a significant contributor of the pollutants that form ozone.

Limited exceptions to the ban include recreation/cooking fires, campfires in approved areas and open flame equipment/tar kettles/etc. No notification to the Forsyth County Fire Department or the Georgia Forestry Commission is required for these types of burns. To receive more details regarding outdoor burning regulations, visit [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) or call the Forsyth County Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office at 678.455.8072.

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