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Open Air Burning Ban Lifted

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department has lifted the ban on all open air burning.

Due to the recent dry weather conditions, open air burning was banned for approximately one week.

Residents are reminded that, with the exception of small recreational fires, open fires in the city require a burn permit, which is issued by HFD.

Safety Tips on Recreational Fires

- Fires must be contained within a fire ring no greater than three feet in diameter and always monitored while burning. The fire ring must be made of non-combustible material such as rocks, metal, concrete, etc. and be at least 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material (including fences).
- The fire cannot have wood or combustible materials piled higher than two feet and only ordinary wooden combustibles may be burned, not pressure treated lumber, trash or furniture.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions and must be at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible materials.
- A bucket of water, fire extinguisher, sand, or a garden hose connected to a water supply should be located in close proximity (25 feet) of the fire.

Residents are also encouraged to use extreme caution when cooking on an outdoor grill and never leave the grill unattended.

To obtain a burning permit, contact the Harrisonburg Fire Department at 540-432-7703.

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