

# CITY OF MONROE

## ORDINANCE

### O-2003-35

### OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED

The City of Monroe prohibits open burning under city ordinance O-2003-35. However applications for a burning permit will be considered for campfires, outdoor barbecues, wood bonfires for festive occasions, firefighter training, and human warmth and comfort. These items listed must meet distance requirements of the current North Carolina State Fire Code.

Under certain conditions open burning for land clearing maybe permitted. The distances must be 1000ft away from structures and 250 feet away from roadways for land clearing.

**Winds must be at a minimum for all permitted open burning.**

**No open burning permits will be issued on high ozone action days as issued by the North Carolina Department of Air Quality.**

**Open Burning Permits may be revoked at any time due to dangerous conditions or public nuisance.**

If you would like to apply for an open burning permit please call 704-282-4726. There is no charge for a residential permit. There is a charge of \$40 for a commercial permit. Permits will be approved based upon conditions at the time of inspection.

Burn Permits are not needed for the burn containers pictured below, however only fire wood is allowed to be burned.



## BURN PERMITS NOT ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**Wood Pallets**

**Building/Demolition Materials**

**Paints**

**Household Chemicals**

**Tires and other rubber products**

**Paper and cardboard**

**Wire**

**Treated, painted, or finished wood**

**Plastics**

**Garbage/Asphalt Material**

**Yard Waste\***

\* No burning permit will be issued for Yard Waste such as leaves, brush, dead wood, tree cuttings, and weeds where public pickup service is available. For yard waste pick up call 704-282-4565

**Penalties for deliberately set fires:**  
First Citation \$50.00  
Second Citation \$100.00  
Third Citation \$500.00



Monroe Fire Department's mission is to protect life and property in our community through a personal commitment in all services provided.



## CONTACT US

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## OPEN BURNING RULES

