



# LINCOLN COUNTY

## FIRE MARSHAL

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### Press Release – For Immediate Release

**Lincoln County, NC** – Effective 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 the Lincoln County Fire Marshal has enacted a burning ban countywide. This ban prohibits all open burning regardless of whether a permit was previously issued or not. The issuance of any new permits has also been suspended until the ban has been lifted. This ban follows the ban that was issued Wednesday, November 8, 2023 by the North Carolina Forest Service and now will apply to all fires regardless of distance from a structure. Here are a few facts regarding this ban for citizens to keep in mind:

- This ban does **not apply** to cooking fires such as grills or outdoor cookers and heating fires. These type fires may only be conducted in approved and tested devices.
- Open burning includes burning leaves, branches and other plant material. In all cases, it is illegal to burn trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other non-vegetative materials.
- **Violation of this burning ban carries a minimum \$100.00 fine plus court costs of \$180.00**  
*“Fines will be issued with no exception”*

Due to increased fire risk, the Lincoln County Fire Marshal and the N.C. Forest Service has issued a ban on all open burning and has canceled all burning permits for Lincoln County. The state burning ban officially goes into effect at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2023, and the county burning ban goes into effect Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and will remain in effect until further notice.

If anyone has any questions or concerns they may contact the Lincoln County Forest Ranger at (704) 922-0791, the Lincoln County Fire Marshal’s Office at (704) 736-8516 or their local fire department. If you see an outside fire or someone violating the burning ban you may contact 911 for authorities to be sent out for an investigation.

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