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HAYWOOD COUNTY ISSUES BURNING BAN

Effective immediately all open burning is prohibited in the entire county, to include the towns of Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Clyde and Canton. This open burning ban is issued under the authority of the Haywood County Fire Prevention Ordinance, NC Fire Code Section 307 and applicable municipal ordinances. The ban includes ALL open burning including the burning of leaves, recreational fires, bonfires and the use of outdoor fireplaces. **Any permits previously issued are now void.**

Because of conditions of drought and low humidity, the situation in the county is dangerous for any open burning. Under current weather conditions brush fires spread faster, are harder to contain, and are far more dangerous than usual and can have the potential to cause large property loss. This follows issuance of a ban by the North Carolina Forest Service and their request for local cooperation.