

# GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

*Protecting and Promoting the Optimal Health and Well-Being of Galveston County*

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## OUTDOOR BURNING RULE & CHECKLIST (TITLE 30 TAC 111.201-111.221)

### Exception Registration

Outdoor burning is prohibited in the State of Texas except under certain conditions. Please complete this checklist to determine if your proposed burn site will meet the stipulations of exemption. Any variation from the conditions listed below will constitute an illegal burn and make the burner subject to fines for violating State Burning Laws. In all cases, the burner is ultimately liable for damages, injuries, or other consequences that may result from burning. **Please complete all fields and sign below to certify your understanding of these conditions.**

1. Will the burn be conducted outside the corporate limits of a city or town in Galveston County? If so, what area? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please list the **proposed dates** for your burn (valid for only 30 days)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What type of material will be burned (brush, trees, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ Estimate how much? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Will you have water available at the location? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the purpose of the proposed burn (land clearing, cleanup, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU CANNOT RESPOND "YES" TO EACH CONDITION BELOW, IT MAY BE ILLEGAL TO CONDUCT AN OUTDOOR BURN**

<b>1.</b> I will only burn when the wind direction is not blowing smoke toward any public road, landing strip, navigable water, off site house, or business. If smoke impacts a road, a Flag-person will direct traffic while fire is being extinguished. <b>Winds will be between 6 and 23 mph.</b>	YES _____
<b>2.</b> Burn site is downwind of or at least 300 feet away from any neighboring house, or business. (This requirement may be waived only with prior <u>written approval of the resident and owner</u> of that establishment and included with this registration.)	YES _____
<b>3.</b> I will not burn or let burn smolder earlier than 1 hour <i>after</i> sunrise, and no later than 1 hour <i>before</i> sunset <u>each</u> day of the burn.	YES _____
<b>4.</b> I will be present during all phases of the burning.	YES _____
<b>5.</b> I will not burn electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber.	YES _____
<b>6.</b> I will not create a nuisance condition to the surrounding area.	YES _____

**You must contact your law enforcement dispatch the morning you will be burning. See back of this form for phone numbers.**

**This registration is valid for 30 days from the signature date below.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box, City, Zip Code)

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, Zip Code)

**I have read and understand the conditions of the [Outdoor Burning in Texas Guide](#) and will conduct my burn in accordance with state laws. I understand that if I fail to meet the conditions for exemption, I may be subject to enforcement actions.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Galveston County Health District    OR Email to: [environmental@gchd.org](mailto:environmental@gchd.org)  
Air & Water Pollution Services    (409) 938-2411 or Fax Number (409) 938-2271  
9850 Emmett F. Lowry Ste #D100  
Texas City, Texas 77591

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*The Galveston County Health District (GCHD) is the local public health agency for Galveston County, Texas. GCHD provides services and programs that protect the everyday health and well-being of Galveston County.*

P.O. Box 939 La Marque, Texas 77568 • (409) 938-7221

## **Fire Notification Contacts for Unincorporated Areas**

**Additionally, if you are burning in one of the areas listed below you must also call the appropriate contact for your area:**

<a href="#"><u>Bacliff VFD</u></a>	Phone	(281) 339-1634
P.O. Box 751	Fax	(281) 339-1073
Bacliff, TX 77518		

<a href="#"><u>San Leon VFD</u></a>	Phone or Fax	(281) 559-1312
P.O. Box 5296		
San Leon, TX 77539		
<a href="http://www.sanleonvfd.net/contact.php"><u>http://www.sanleonvfd.net/contact.php</u></a>		

For <a href="#"><u>Santa Fe</u></a> area advance burn notification, also contact:	(409) 925-2000
<a href="#"><u>Santa Fe Police Department</u></a>	

Additional Contacts for Santa Fe:	Phone	(409) 925-7331
<a href="#"><u>Santa Fe Fire and Rescue</u></a>	Fax	(409) 925-7330
P.O. Box 99		
Santa Fe, TX 77510		

**If the area of your burn site is not listed, contact the  
[Galveston County Sheriff's Department](#) at:**

Galveston, Bolivar Peninsula, La Marque, Texas City, Hitchcock, Santa Fe (409 area codes)  
409-766-2322

League City, Dickinson, Bacliff, San Leon, Kemah, Friendswood, Algoa (281 area codes)  
281-534-3515