
PRESS RELEASE

PITTSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

For Immediate Release

COUNTY BURN BAN

Effective at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Currently, the National Weather Service has declared Pittsylvania County, Virginia (“County”), to be under “abnormally dry” conditions. The County is expected to see below normal precipitation for the near future. Accordingly, Christopher C. Slemp, Pittsylvania County Director of Public Safety, has implemented a ban on open burning in the County as authorized by Pittsylvania County Code § 11-17(b). Open burning is the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. This includes, but is not limited to, burning of leaves, brush, and/or other vegetation. Dry conditions currently exist outdoors that are favorable for rapid fire spread due to the lack of measurable rainfall throughout the County.

This burn ban is **effective beginning at 6:00 p.m.** and will remain in effect until the County receives a significant amount of rainfall that decreases fire risk, at which time the ban shall be lifted. A violation of this burn ban is punishable as a Class 1 Misdemeanor, which, pursuant to Virginia Code § 18.2-11, carries for a conviction thereof, the possibility of confinement in jail for not more than twelve (12) months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

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