



Lincoln County Fire Marshal's Office
115 W. Main St.
Lincolnton, NC 28092



Press Release - For Immediate Release

Lincoln County, NC - Effective 5:00 pm on Monday, November 7, 2016, the State of North Carolina Forest Service and the Lincoln County Fire Marshal's Office have 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 this ban has been lifted. Here are a few facts regarding this ban for citizens to keep in mind:

- This burning ban **does not** apply to cooking fires such as grills or outdoor cookers.
- 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 \$100.00 fine plus court costs of \$180.00***

Per the US Drought Monitor, the Lincoln County region is currently experiencing a moderate to severe drought. These dry conditions coupled with low humidity in the region have led to an uptick in reported outside fire emergencies. The western region of North Carolina has experienced several large wildfires over the past several weeks and this threat is predicted to move eastward into our region soon.

If anyone has any questions or concerns they may contact the Lincoln County Forest Ranger at (704) 922-0719, 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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