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### **Lincoln County Fire Marshal Lifts Burn Ban**

(Lincolnton) After consideration of recent rainfall, review of the recommended Drought Index Monitor, the Lincoln County Fire Marshal has made the decision **to lift the burn ban of open burning within 100 feet of a structure**. This means that residents can once again engage in controlled outdoor burning activities. The burning ban put in place on November 8, 2023 has officially been lifted as of November 22, 2023 at 12:00pm. **The burn ban put in place by the North Carolina Forest Service remains in effect at the time of this release.**

Lincoln County wishes to remind residents to exercise caution when engaging in outdoor burning. Safety should remain a top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a fire-safe environment for everyone.

- 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.
- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from a structure.
- Fires more than 3 feet in diameter require a burning permit.
- Fires requiring a burning permit within 100 feet of a dwelling must be obtained from the Lincoln County Fire Marshal.
- Fires requiring a burning permit more than 100 feet from a dwelling must be obtained from the North Carolina Forest Service.

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