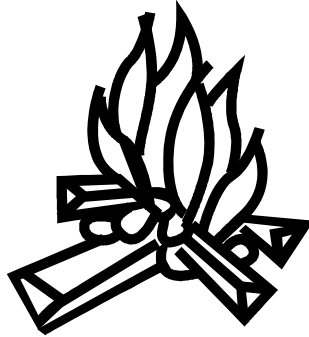


OUTDOOR BURNING



Are you aware that the City of Sugar Hill restricts Open Burning within the City limits? Chapter 30 of the **City of Sugar Hill Municipal Code** outlines the few exceptions to Outdoor Burning, as summarized below:

1. Burning for recognized agricultural procedures
2. For recreational outdoor cooking for immediate human consumption
3. Fires for training fire fighting personnel
4. Fires associated with operational devices: welding torches, portable heaters, tar kettles,...
5. Small fires directly related to work required by contractors and tradesmen
6. Fires for the disposal of packaging materials containing explosives
7. **Burning of leaves, limbs and other natural vegetation that may fall on one's own property, provided that said burning is conducted during daylight hours when prevailing winds are not in excess of 15 mph and the fire is located at least 100 feet from the nearest property line.**

Most of us would probably fall into #2 (outdoor cooking) and #7 (burning of leaves and brush). But read # 7 carefully, the burning of leaves and other natural vegetation must take place during **DAYLIGHT HOURS**, less than **15 MPH OF WIND** and **AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM THE NEAREST PROPERTY LINE**. Even if you have an outdoor fire, be aware that if your fire generates a sufficient amount of smoke and fumes to become an annoyance to others, it could be a violation of Chapter 50 of the City Code-- Nuisances. Unauthorized outdoor burning and nuisances are subject to citations being issued.

In addition, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has instituted their yearly **BAN on open burning from May 1st through September 30th**. The State of Georgia Burning Ban is more restrictive than Sugar Hill's, and no burning of leaves, limbs and other vegetation can be burned between May 1st to September 30th. If you would like to view the regulations in their entirety, you can go to cityofsugarhill.com web site. Click on the link for Outdoor Burning.

Feel welcome to call the Planning & Development Department at 770-945-6734 and talk to one of our Code Enforcement Officers for more information. Have a safe Summer !!