What is open burning?

Open burning is any burning of any material outside of a person's residence. Except for a barbecue grill using propane gas or charcoal.

What can I burn?

You may only burn clean dry wood that has grown on the property in a small (maximum four feet diameter pile) camp fire for **recreational, ceremonial occasions or for non-commercial preparation of food, as long as excessive visible emissions are not emitted.** **Burning of leaves/yard waste is illegal in Duval County**. **Fines starting at $250.00 may be issued for violation of JEPB Rule 2.801 C**.

Who controls open burning in Duval County?

Open burning is controlled by the Office of Administrative Services, Environmental Quality Division (EQD) of the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Forest Service (FFS), State of Florida.

Who do I contact if I need to open burn?

For **initial** land clearing you would call 630-2489 (CITY) to request Burn Permit Application. For agriculture, silviculture or controlled burns you would contact FFS at 266-5001.

How do I qualify to obtain a permit?

For a single lot residential land clearing burn the burn pile must be a least 300 feet (a football field in length) from any occupied building, 100 feet from any road, and you must have sufficient resources to extinguish the fire at any time.

OK I'm ready to get a permit, what do I do?

Call 630-CITY and request for a burn permit application. Upon receipt of the completed application, EQD will contact property owner to schedule on site visit to verify that you meet the required setback distances and will then issue the permit at that time if all requirements are met.

How much will a burn permit cost me?

The permits are issued free of charge.

How to report illegal Open Burning:

Call 630-CITY (2489) during the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 p.m. If the burning is ongoing after hours, you may call the Fire Department, Non-Emergency number, 630-0529.

A cooking Fire using propane gas, charcoal or clean dry wood is legal in Duval County.