



**Fireworks Prohibited in North Myrtle Beach (including sparklers).  
See the City of North Myrtle Beach website for details.**

**The City of North Myrtle Beach** has adopted the following guidelines to be followed for open burning.

It shall be unlawful for any person to build, start, ignite, or maintain any fire or open flame or use any propane fired grill, cooker, or heating device heated by fire on any public beach, public beach access, street end adjacent to the beach, or any governmental land immediately adjacent to the beach. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to punishment as provided in section 1-6, General Penalty. This section shall not apply to any fire related activities conducted by the City of North Myrtle Beach.



**Open Burning is Prohibited Except as Follows:**



1. Fires set for the cooking of food for human consumption if:
  - a. Contained within a device designed for the purposes of cooking food over an open flame,
  - b. Kept from beneath or under, and a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any multifamily or commercial building, and
  - c. If the cooking fire is constantly attended until extinguished.
2. Fires set for recreational purposes if:
  - a. Contained within a device designed for the purpose of containing recreational fires to include: portable fireplaces, chimeras, grills, wood stoves, etc.
  - b. Kept twenty (20) feet from any structure or vegetation;
  - c. Kept in areas designated for the purpose of recreational fires;
  - d. Only nontreated lumber, clean wood, or vegetative matter is burned; and,
  - e. If the recreational fire is constantly attended until extinguished.
3. Fires that are set for the training of firefighters if conducted within the boundaries of a recognized and designated fire training facility designed to conduct live burns.
4. Fires set for the purpose of backfiring to contain previously ignited wildfires if performed by the organization responsible for fighting and containing the wildfire.
5. Fires set for the disposal of debris as a result of an officially declared emergency or disaster if:
  - a. Delivered to the area or location designated for such open burning;
  - b. DHEC has approved the open burning;
  - c. Burning is only conducted when safe to do so;
  - d. Burning is conducted only when the wind direction and weather conditions will carry the smoke up and away from populated areas, or any school, medical facility, or nursing home;
  - e. Adequate personnel and heavy equipment are on-site to monitor and control the fire;
  - f. Adequate fire service access and fire lanes are provided in the event they should be needed;
  - g. A water supply is available in the area; and,
  - h. The use of accelerants (oil, tires, diesel fuel, or any petroleum product) is strictly prohibited.
6. Fires set for the disposal of debris comprised primarily of trees and vegetation on parcels of land comprised of twenty (20) acres or more when the removal of the debris is necessary for the purpose of creating a roadbed and the right-of-way associated with the road-bed and/or development of the property and

- a. The entity seeking to dispose of the debris is in compliance with DHEC regulations regarding open burning.
  - b. The entity seeking to dispose of the debris has obtained a site inspection from the city manager or his/her designee, site approval from the city manager or his/her designee, and has complied with all safety precautions required by the city manager or his/her designee.
  - c. Only debris generated from the site may be burned; debris from other areas shall not be brought to the site approved for open burning.
  - d. Burning shall only be conducted when safe to do so as determined by the city manager or his/her designee.
  - e. Burning shall only occur within a controlled forced air curtain burn pit or other approved method that controls smoke.
  - f. The location of the burning must be a sufficient distance but not less than one thousand (1,000) feet from public roadways and all residential, commercial, and industrial sites not a part of the contiguous property on which the burning is conducted.
  - g. Winds during the time of the burning must be away from any area in which the ambient air may be significantly affected by smoke from the burning if that area contains a public roadway or residential, commercial, or industrial site.
7. *Penalties.* Violation of this section shall be punishable pursuant to the general penalty provision, section 1-6.
  8. *(e)Miscellaneous.* Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or the S.C. Forestry Commission from enforcing any statute or adopted regulation pursuant to their authority.

**For more information, please contact: North Myrtle Beach office of the Fire Marshal  
843-280-5614**