APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CONDUCT OPEN BURNING OF
LAND CLEARING DEBRIS (Non-Residential)

The approval for an open burning application is dependent upon the evaluation by this agency of the potential environmental impacts and effects on the public. This approval can be withdrawn or application can be denied if the Palm Beach County Health Department deems such action necessary in the public interest. Please note that the Agency also has the authority to defer or suspend open burning if it is creating a nuisance.

The Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County administers open burning for land clearing purposes only. Open burning incidental to agricultural and silvicultural activities are regulated by the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service. A permit from the local fire authority will also be required prior to the burning of debris.

By completing the following checklist, you will be able to determine if your application for approval of open burning meets the regulatory conditions of PBC Ordinance 2005-020. This checklist is provided to save you time and unnecessary expense.

YES NO
[ ] [ ] 1. Does the material to be burned consist only of vegetation that has been cleared from the burn site?
[ ] [ ] 2. Are the burn piles free of biological & hazardous wastes, asbestos containing materials, mercury containing devices, tires, rubber material, bunker C residual oil, asphalt, roofing material, tar, railroad cross ties, other treated wood, plastics, garbage or other trash?
[ ] [ ] 3. Is the proposed burn site one hundred feet (100) feet or more from any public highway or road?
[ ] [ ] 4. Will the proposed burn site meet one of the following setback requirements? 1) One thousand five hundred (1500) feet or more from any occupied building; 2) Five hundred (500) feet or more from any occupied building if an Air Curtain Incinerator is used.
[ ] [ ] 5. Is the burn setback 100 feet or more from wild lands, brush or combustible structures?
[ ] [ ] 6. Will the burn be ignited after 9:00AM and be completely extinguished one hour before sunset?
[ ] [ ] 7. Will the burn be attended at all times by a competent person who has the means available to quickly extinguish the fire?
[ ] [ ] 8. Is the material to be burned dry so as to minimize air pollution?

These are the major guidelines used in the inspection of a proposed burn site. A negative answer to any of the preceding questions may result in the denial of your application. Please provide the information requested on the back of this application.

This is to certify that I will comply with the regulatory conditions for open burning as identified in the above checklist.

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Signature of Applicant
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Date ___________ OB #: ____________________

Name of Applicant (please print) ________________________________________________

Status of Applicant: [ ] Owner [ ] Contractor [ ] Agent

[ ] Nursery (Contact Florida Forest Service before proceeding; Ag Permit may be needed: 561-791-4725)
[ ] Farm (Contact Florida Forest Service before proceeding; Ag Permit may be needed: 561-791-4725)

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ Zip Code ___________ Telephone _____________________

Cell Phone ____________________________

Description of materials to be burned _____________________________________________

YES No

Number acres to be cleared ________________ Air Curtain Incinerator Used [ ] [ ]

Material to be burned generated onsite: [ ] Yes [ ] No If no, give location: __________________________

Name of person at the site responsible for supervision of the burn: __________________________

Exact location of proposed burn; give street address and any directions to aid our field personnel in locating the site.

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Applicant’s signature ____________________________

(If your application is approved, you will receive an approval letter, otherwise you will be notified of this agency’s reason for denying your application).

A fee as shown below in the fee schedule must accompany all applications for open burning. Return the completed application to the Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County, Environmental Public Health, 800 Clematis Street, P.O. Box 29, West Palm Beach, Florida 33402, Telephone (561) 837-5900.

Open Burn Site Evaluation Fee Schedule

Two (2) acres or less $25.00
Greater than (2) two but less than (50) fifty acres $75.00
50 to 100 acres for each parcel cleared $150.00
Greater than 100 acres for each parcel cleared $200.00

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Note: if there are load-bearing structures on property(ies) being cleared please contact the Palm Beach County Health Department’s Asbestos Coordinator:

(Ph: 561-837-5874)

Asbestos Survey(s) of these structures should be made available for review.

Are there load-bearing structures on site? Yes No