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Prohibited Burning	Code Section
The burning of garbage, refuse, trash, rubbish, tires, oil, solid or liquid waste, hazardous materials, rubber, petroleum based materials such as plastics, or building/construction materials is PROHIBITED at all times.	SCC 12-52

Burning Activity	Open Burning Category	Notification and Attendance Required	Permit Needed	Min. Distance to Any Structure or Combustible Materials	Min. Distance to Neighboring and Occupied Structure	Maximum Size or Duration	4PM to Midnight 2/15 to 4/30 <i>COV § 10.1-1142</i>	Prohibited May through September <i>9VAC5-130-40</i>
Bonfire	Recreational	Yes	No	50ft	50ft	5ft x 5ft 3 Hours	Yes	No
Campfire, fire pit, etc.	Recreational	Yes	No	25ft	25ft	3ft x 2ft 3 Hours	Yes	No
Open container, burn barrel, etc.	Recreational	Yes	No	25ft	25ft	2ft x 3ft 3 Hours	Yes	No
Leaves, brush, trimmings, etc.	Residential	Yes	No	50ft	300ft ⁽¹⁾	N/A	Yes	No
Agricultural, farms, etc.	Residential	Yes	No	50ft	300ft ⁽¹⁾	N/A	Yes	No
Non-residential, site development	Land Clearing	Yes	Yes ⁽²⁾	50ft	1000ft ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ 2500ft ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	N/A ⁽⁵⁾	Yes	Yes
New house or neighborhood site clearing	Land Clearing	Yes	Yes ⁽²⁾	50ft	1000ft ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ 2500ft ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	N/A ⁽⁵⁾	Yes	Yes
Road, pipeline, or construction site clearing	Land Clearing	Yes	Yes ⁽²⁾	50ft	1000ft ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ 2500ft ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	N/A ⁽⁵⁾	Yes	Yes
BBQ grills	Not Open Burning	No	No	10ft ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	10ft ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Manufacturer's Instructions	No	No
Outdoor fireplace, closed container, "Chimineas", etc.	Not Open Burning	No	No	15ft ⁽⁶⁾	15ft ⁽⁶⁾	Manufacturer's Instructions	No	No

- (1) Written permission required to reduce distance [SCC 12-54(a)(2) & SCC 12-54(c)(3)]
- (2) Prohibited within the Urban Services Area [SCC 12-54(c)(5)]
- (3) Reduction to 300ft and 1000ft with an approved special incineration device [SCC 12-55(b)]
- (4) Minimum distance to airfields, schools or healthcare facilities [SCC 12-54(c)(4)]
- (5) Fires are not to be fed from Friday noon until Monday 7AM [SCC 12-54(c)(6)]
- (6) Does not apply when used at one/two family dwellings [VSFPC 307.4.3 and VSFPC 308.1.4]
- (7) Does not apply where buildings, decks, and balconies are sprinklered or if only using small propane cylinders (2.5lbs or less). [VSFPC 308.1.4]