

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
FOREST FIRE SERVICE

**APPLICATION FOR OPEN BURNING PERMIT - NJAC 7:27-2.1 ET SEQ.**

**TYPE OF PERMIT REQUESTED** (Check appropriate box)

☐ INFESTED PLANT LIFE    ☐ HERBACEOUS    ☐ ORCHARD PRUNINGS    ☐ AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING

*PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING*

A	1 FULL -NAME BUSINESS _____
	2. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____
	3. HOME PHONE NO. _____ DAYTIME PHONE NO. _____

B	MUNICIPAL RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN BURNING
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO    IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN _____

C	INFESTED PLANT LIFE ONLY
	NATURE OF INFESTATION WITH SCIENTIFIC NAME _____

C	I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLANT LIFE DESCRIBED HEREIN IS INFESTED _____
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Signature of Authorized Agent</i></p> <p>AUTHORIZED AGENT RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE OR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL OFFICE</p>

D	HERBACEOUS PLANT LIFE; ORCHARD PRUNINGS AND CULLINGS; AND AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING AND HEDGEROW REMOVAL
	THIS TYPE OF PERMIT MAY ONLY BE ISSUED FOR <b><u>COMMERCIAL FARMING AND/OR RELATED AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.</u></b>
	TYPE OF COMMERCIAL FARMING OPERATION:    TOTAL FARM ACREAGE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> RAISING FOOD CROPS <input type="checkbox"/> RAISING SALT HAY <input type="checkbox"/> ORNAMENTALS (Nursery) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please explain) _____

E	<u>AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING ONLY</u> TOTAL ACREAGE TO BE CLEARED _____
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F	1. LOCATION OF BURNING: COUNTY _____ TOWNSHIP _____
	2. SKETCH EXACT AREA WHERE BURNING IS TO BE CONDUCTED, INDICATING DIRECTION AND DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROAD, INTERSECTIONS, STRUCTURES, ACCESS ROADS AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

G	MOST RECENT OPEN BURNING PERMIT # _____ (if applicable)
	OTHER NAME/BUSINESS NAME YOU HAVE BEEN ISSUED AN OPEN BURNING PERMIT UNDER: _____ (if applicable)
	DATE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BURNING UNDER THIS PERMIT _____

H	I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. _____
	DATE OF APPLICATION _____ <span style="float: right;"><i>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</i></span>

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<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK	_____ AMOUNT	PERMIT # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER		ISSUE DATE _____
		EXPIRATION DATE _____
		AGENCY REFERENCE # _____

SEE REVERSE

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

FEES: Applications for open burning permits pursuant to the provisions of NJAC 7:27-2.1 et seq. shall be accompanied by a service fee in accordance with the following schedule and no permit will be issued until the appropriate fee is received by check or money order payable to the "New Jersey Forest Fire Service." The amount received will indicate the term of permit desired. Any misrepresentation or use of permit for other than stated purpose will result in the cancellation of the permit, forfeiture of application fee and possible fines.

1) INFESTED PLANT LIFE*	30 DAYS OR LESS	\$10.00	-
2) HERBACEOUS PLANT LIFE	7 DAYS OR LESS	\$10.00	
	TO 90 DAYS	\$25.00	
	TO 1 YEAR	\$50.00	
3) ORCHARD PRUNINGS AND CULLINGS	7 DAYS OR LESS	\$10.00	
	TO 90 DAYS	\$25.00	
	TO 1 YEAR	\$50.00	
4) AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING AND HEDGEROW REMOVAL**	90 DAYS OR LESS	\$25.00 MINIMUM PLUS \$1.00/ACRE TO \$50.00 MAXIMUM. (e.g. 10 acres \$25.00 + \$1.00/acre = \$35.00 fee)	

\* INFESTED PLANT LIFE - Certification by authorized agent in Section C required.

AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING AND HEDGEROW REMOVAL\*\* - In addition to fee, a NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT is required, declaring that land cleared as a result of open burning will remain in agriculture for a period of 5 years following expiration date of permit. Violation of this provision subjects the offender to a fine up to \$2,500 per day. There is a maximum allowable clearing of 25 acres per year. Only one Agricultural Permit may be issued per calendar year. Land clearing by open burning will not be permitted near or within sensitive air quality regions because of mandates of the Federal Clean Air Act (within 4 miles of Brigantine Wildlife Refuge and Metropolitan North Jersey). Please check with appropriate division office concerning extent of these areas.

**All categories of permit are subject to inspection by the Forest Fire Service to determine eligibility.**

Submit original with required fee to appropriate division office:

### **DIVISION A**

**COVERING** Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren Counties, Middlesex County north of the Raritan River, and Hopewell Twp., Mercer County

N.J. Forest Fire Service  
240 Main Street  
Andover, NJ 07821  
973-786-6350

### **DIVISION B**

**COVERING** Burlington, Monmouth, Ocean Counties, Middlesex County south of the Raritan River and Mercer Co. except Hopewell Twp.

N.J. Forest Fire Service  
P.O. Box 239  
New Lisbon, NJ 08064  
Phone: (609) 726-9010

### **DIVISION C**

**COVERING** Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem and Camden Counties

N.J. Forest Fire Service  
5555 Atlantic Ave.  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330  
Phone: (609) 625-1121

Any violation of the open burning laws or conditions of this permit could result in forfeiture of the permit and/or possible fines up to \$5000.00. You are responsible for any damage or costs from an escaped fire.