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TO: All Burn Permit Applicants

RE: Agricultural Open Burn Permits Eligibility / Requirements

Pursuant to Maryland Air Pollution Regulations (COMAR 26.11.07), Forest Fire Protection Regulations (COMAR 08.07.04) and Title 12, Sec. 108 (Air Pollution) of the Howard County Code, the following is applicable to Open Burning in Howard County:

1. Opening Burning is allowed from October 1st through May 31st. No burning is allowed without an approved burning permit. All Commercial and Agricultural Permits will be assessed a fee by the County Building Permits Office (located in the George Howard Building).
2. Burning of leaves and household farm or commercial trash is prohibited. Additionally, any material which produces a dense smoke (i.e., tires, plastics and roofing material) shall not be burned.
3. A permit to burn may be granted if it is determined that there is no alternative method to the disposal of the material(s) to be burned.
4. Burning permits may be issued allowing an open fire, provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - a) Burning may not be done within 500 yards of one or more occupied buildings (other than your own), or from a main traveled roadway in the proposed burn site area.
 - b) Burning may not be conducted in woodland or within 200 feet of woodland area.
 - c) The material(s) to be burned shall have originated on the premises.
 - d) Materials which produce dense smoke shall not be burned, nor shall hazardous condition or air pollution nuisance be created.
 - e) Fire control laws or regulations for other governmental agencies will not be violated.
 - f) In all other conditions, the Control Officer may impose further restrictions to prevent air pollution nuisances and protect the health, comfort and property of any person potentially affected.
 - g) Contact Central Communications at (410) 313-2929 any time burning activities are to begin and end.

For further information or to report violations, please contact the **Community Hygiene Program** at (410) 313-1773 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For after hours violations or concerns, contact Central Communications at (410) 313-2929.

RETURN THE ATTACHED PERMIT APPLICATION TO:
HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ATTN: COMMUNITY HYGIENE PROGRAM
8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, MD 21045
PHONE # (410) 313-1773 FAX # (410) 313-2648
HOURS: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.



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**AGRICULTURAL BURNING PERMIT
 APPLICATION FORM**

(* Indicate Required Information)

***Part A. Property's Information**

_____ Number of Property Dwellings/Structures: ____
 Property's Address (include City&Zip)

_____ Circle (Public or Private): Public / Private Public / Private
 Property's Size (Acres) Water Supply Sewage Disposal

 Name of Current Property Owner(s)

Owner's Phone No.(Daytime): _____ (Nighttime): _____

Part B. Applicant's Information (*If the Applicant is different from the Property Owner then complete Part B)

_____ _____
 Name of Applicant Applicant's Address (include City&Zip)

Applicant's Phone No.(Daytime): _____ (Nighttime): _____

***Part C. Property Illustration / Purpose**

Attach a site plan showing the above site conditions (a plat of the property or a scaled sketch of the property). In addition, indicate the name and distance to the closest roads).

Indicate the Purpose / Reason for the Agricultural Burn request.

This permit application becomes valid only after a site inspection has been made and an approval, *written if so required*, is given by the Health Department (410) 313-1773.

 Owner's / Applicant's Signature

 Date

Complete by HCHD

 Inspector

 Date Inspected

Site Distance, Description and Comments: _____

Approved/Disapproved: _____ Nearest Fire Station (s): _____