

Forestry Burn Permits TCA

Tennessee Code/TITLE 39 CRIMINAL OFFENSES/CHAPTER 14 OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY/PART 3 ARSON - EXPLOSIVES/39-14-306. Setting fires at certain times without permit.

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(a) It is unlawful for any person to start an open-air fire between October 15 and May 15, inclusive, within five hundred feet (500') of any forest, grasslands or woodlands without first securing a permit from the state forester or the state forester's duly authorized representative. Depending upon the potential for hazardous burning conditions, the state forester may prescribe a period other than October 15 to May 15 within which a permit must be obtained prior to starting an open-air fire. The provisions of this section shall not apply to fires which may be set within the corporate limits of any incorporated town or city which has passed ordinances controlling the setting of fires.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

[Acts 1989, ch. 591, § 1; 1991, ch. 46, § 2; 1999, ch. 209, § 1.]