

Foxwood Hills Property Owners Association

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FOXWOOD HILLS BURN POLICY

The Foxwood Hills Board of Directors would like to thank all of our Members who work very hard to maintain their well-kept yards. The Board has approved the following burn policy to assist in this ongoing effort.

Consider the weather:

- Check the daily forecast.
- Notice changes in the weather.
- Take into account how long it has been since the last rain.
- What is the relative humidity that day?
- Is it safest to burn a few days after a soaking rain or when the humidity is higher than 35%?
- Be aware of high or gusty winds which can cause a fire to burn hotter or with more intensity.
- Check for wind direction. Consider where your smoke will blow. Pay attention to smoke drift. Watch out for flying sparks.
- Do not burn during an atmospheric inversion which will cause air pollution.

Prepare for your burn:

- Contact the Oconee County Forestry Commission at 1-800-705-8618 and supply information they require.
- Once you have notified the Oconee County Forestry Commission, contact the Foxwood Hills Security at 864-247-1461 and make your intentions clear as to location, date, and time of your burn.

The keys for a successful controlled burn:

- Be prepared.
- Understand the laws of South Carolina – SC Code of Law Section 48-35-10.
- Respect the weather.
- Never leave your fire unattended.

Required considerations:

- Consider your capabilities.
- Have a “just in case” plan.
- Is there another way to get rid of the debris? Can you use the material as mulch or compost?
- Do you have a water supply?
- Do you have enough time to remain near the fire?
- Are you physically capable of staying with your fire and controlling it?
- Is someone available to help should the fire spread?

Before you burn:

- Gather the tools you will need before your burn. Keep a shovel, hoe or rake nearby.
- Properly prepare your burn area before you start. Clear an area down to minimal soil. Stay away from dry leaves and grass. Check your overhead. Do not burn near homes, buildings or storage tanks.
- Reduce risks by dividing large piles into smaller ones.

Be careful:

- Never leave your fire!
- If you are concerned about safety, put your fire out.
- Make sure your fire is out and cleaned up before you leave.

Determined Areas: The POA allows members to burn in determined areas only. It should be noted even if you burn in a determined area, you are responsible for any damages that occur.

- Hatteras in burn circle by comfort station
- Newbury in burn circle by comfort station
- Your yard

The Foxwood Hills POA enforces the SC Code of Laws section 16-11-180. It is against the law to burn household garbage and trash, tires, chemicals, plastics, and building materials anywhere in the State of South Carolina.