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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT REMINDS HARFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS OF OPEN AIR BURN BAN

**Bel Air, MD – June 4, 2026-** Given the dry conditions, the Harford County Health Department would like to remind residents of [Code of Maryland Regulations \(COMAR 26.11.07.03C1\)](#), which prohibits open fires in Harford County from June 1 - August 31 each year. There are special exceptions for agricultural operations, open fires for recreational purposes such as campfires, and the cooking of food.

Open burning is a violation of [Harford County Code 109](#). A person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day per violation or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, or both. Each day a violation occurs is a separate violation.

Information on open burning alternatives can be found at <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/309/Yard-Trim-Drop-Off-Sites>.

Please contact the Harford County Health Department at 410-877-2300 with any additional questions.

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