

**IRWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE BURNING OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH**

**Section 1. Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Irwin County Open Burning Regulation Ordinance.”

**Section 2. Authority**

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to counties under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §§ 36-1-20 and 12-9-1 et seq., and in accordance with rules and regulations of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

**Section 3. Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Irwin County by regulating open burning, reducing air pollution, preventing fire hazards, and ensuring compliance with state environmental laws.

**Section 4. Definitions**

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- **Open Burning:** The burning of any material in an open outdoor fire or in a receptacle without an approved air pollution control device.
- **Household Trash:** Any waste material generated from residential living, including but not limited to paper, plastics, packaging, food waste, and similar refuse.
- **Yard Debris:** Leaves, limbs, grass clippings, and natural vegetation.
- **Authorized Official:** Any law enforcement officer, code enforcement officer, fire official, or other person designated by Irwin County.

**Section 5. Prohibited Acts**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to burn household trash within Irwin County.  
(b) Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to:

- Plastics, rubber, and synthetic materials
- Household garbage or refuse
- Construction or demolition debris
- Treated or painted wood
- Tires, foam, or petroleum-based products

**Section 6. Permitted Burning**

The following types of burning are permitted, provided they comply with Georgia EPD regulations and any applicable burn bans:

- (a) Burning of yard debris originating on the property where it is burned  
(b) Agricultural burning for bona fide agricultural purposes  
(c) Prescribed burning conducted in accordance with state law  
(d) Recreational fires (e.g., fire pits) that burn only clean, untreated wood