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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Outdoor Burning Safety

Outdoor burning will be permitted from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 until April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. If weather conditions allow a burn permit, you may obtain a permit by calling (770) 305-5468. The Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services encourage citizens obtaining permits to be cautious and safe when burning outdoors. Here are a few safety tips and precautions to take while burning outdoors.

- An adult must always be present during open burning and children and pets should be kept at a safe distance away.
- Use paper and kindling to start a fire and add larger pieces of brush or leaves as needed.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquids to start a fire! The risks of personal injury in these cases are very high.
- Burn one small pile (no larger than 10 feet by 10 feet) at a time and slowly add to it. This will keep the fire from getting out of control.
- Select an area away from your home or any other structure of at least 50 ft.
- Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.
- Keep a phone, garden hose, shovel and rakes readily available.
- Watch the wind: Be prepared to extinguish all burning; it is unsafe to burn during high winds.
- Never Burn at night, hours of burning are from (8:00am till 6:00pm).

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- Don't delay in calling 911 if for some reason the fire gets out of control, call the Fire Department immediately.
- The Department reserves the right to extinguish any fire found outside of established guidelines.

Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services Lt. Donnie Davis states, "please use the utmost caution when burning outdoors to prevent injury to you or family members and to prevent any damage by fire to your home or neighbors' home." For more information or questions on outdoor burning, please contact Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services at (770) 305-5414 or your local Fire Department.

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