

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

City of Newnan Fire Department Announces
Open Burning Banned

Newnan, GA – November 17, 2016 – In accordance with City Code Section 11-47, the City of Newnan has issued a ban on outdoor burning, effective November 17, 2016, in response to the high fire hazard conditions that create extreme fire danger and poor air quality. The ban has been issued by the City Fire Marshall, whom is given authority to issue such ban when local conditions make outdoor fires hazardous to our public health and safety.

Experience has shown that suspending open burning is an effective way of preventing fire escapes and allows a quick fire agency response, especially as Georgia continues to experience drier weather. Although all fires cannot be prevented through a burn suspension, their numbers can be significantly reduced. The City of Newnan Fire Department reminds everyone that it is each individual's responsibility to help prevent fires that destroy lives, property, and our wildland.

Here are some tips to help prepare homes and property:

- Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures.
- Landscape with fire resistant/drought tolerant plants
- Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy facility

Anyone burning inside the City of Newnan may be subject to a citation, fine up to \$1,000, and the cost of the fire agency response to extinguish the fire. City of Newnan Fire will work on lifting the burn suspension when conditions are safe to do so.

For more information visit: Newnan FIRE at www.cityofnewnan.org or call 770-253-1851

###