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**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CONDUCT OPEN BURNING OF  
LAND CLEARING DEBRIS**

The approval for an open burning application is dependent upon the evaluation by this agency of the potential environmental impacts and effects on the public. This approval can be withdrawn or application can be denied if the Palm Beach County Health Department deems such action necessary in the public interest. Please note that the Agency also has the authority to defer or suspend open burning if it is creating a nuisance.

The Palm Beach County Health Department administers open burning for land clearing purposes only. Open burning incidental to agricultural and silvacultural activities are regulated by the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry. A permit from the local fire authority will also be required prior to the burning of debris.

By completing the following checklist, you will be able to determine if your application for approval of open burning meets the regulatory conditions of PBC Ordinance 2005-020. This checklist is provided to save you time and unnecessary expense.

- | <u>YES</u>               | <u>NO</u>                |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Does the material to be burned consist only of vegetation that has been cleared from the burn site?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Are the burn piles free of biological & hazardous wastes, asbestos containing materials, mercury containing devices, tires, rubber material, bunker C residual oil, asphalt, roofing material, tar, railroad cross ties, other treated wood, plastics, garbage or other trash? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Is the proposed burn site one hundred feet (100) feet or more from any public highway or road?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Will the proposed burn site meet one of the following setback requirements? 1) One thousand five hundred (1500) feet or more from any occupied building; 2) Five hundred (500) feet or more from any occupied building if an Air Curtain Incinerator is used.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Is the burn setback 100 feet or more from wild lands, brush or combustible structures?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Will the burn be ignited after 9:00 AM and be completely extinguished one hour before sunset?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Will the burn be attended at all times by a competent person who has the means available to quickly extinguish the fire?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Is the material to be burned dry so as to minimize air pollution?  |

These are the major guidelines used in the inspection of a proposed burn site. A negative answer to any of the preceding questions may result in the denial of your application. Please provide the information requested on the back of this application.

This is to certify that I will comply with the regulatory conditions for open burning as identified in the above checklist.

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Signature of Applicant



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