Montgomery County

Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance
255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120, Rockville, MD 20850

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Agricultural Burning General Permit

This permit is issued pursuant to Montgomery County Code Chapter 3 and the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.11.0

Permit Effective Date: November 8, 2019
Permit Expiration Date: December 7, 2019
DEPC Case #20192636

This permit authorizes:

Name: William Hendry
Address: 18405 Muncaster Rd
Rockville, MD 20855
Cell (301) 461-1554

To burn agricultural debris as described herein at the following location:

The property known as "Granby" with Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation identification number of District 08 Account Number 00708977. The property is owned by Granby Farm, LLC. The property is accessed by entering 18405 Muncaster Rd.

This permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. Burning is prohibited during the period from June 1, through August 31 of each year.
2. Material to be burned shall have originated on the properties known as Granby Farm on which it is to be burned and must be agricultural debris which is directly related to qualified agricultural operations in growing crops or raising fowl or animals or in accepted forestry practices. Downed trees in pasture or crop areas and vegetative materials cleared from fence rows may also be burned.
3. It is prohibited to burn any of the following materials: ordinary household waste, construction or demolition debris, barnyard refuse, lumber, and materials which produce dense smoke when burned, including, but not limited to tires and roofing materials.
4. Prior to ignition of the fire, you must call 311 within Montgomery County (or 240-777-0311 outside the County), and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services at 240-683-6520, and provide notification on the day you will be burning.
5. The burn must not cause a hazardous condition or air pollution nuisance.
6. Burning may not be done within 500 yards (1,500 feet) of one or more occupied buildings, or heavily traveled public roadways.
7. A fire supervisor, 18 years of age or older, must be within direct view of the fire at all times.
8. When burning is in progress, this permit and fire extinguishing equipment, including water in sufficient quantity to extinguish the fire, must be readily available on site.
9. Designated representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection shall be granted access to the property at reasonable times for the purpose of determining compliance with this permit.
10. No fires may be started prior to 7:00 a.m. nor may materials be added to the fires after 4:30 p.m.
11. There may be no burning on weekends or holidays recognized by the Montgomery County Government unless specifically authorized by Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.
12. Fire control laws or regulations of other governmental agencies must not be violated.
13. You may not burn if winds are forecasted to be greater than 12 mph for your ZIP Code area as reported by the NOAA National Weather Service Forecast at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/.

14. You may not burn when the Governor or the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment declares an air pollution episode.

15. You may not burn when NOAA declares a "red flag" warning. "A red flag warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures will create explosive fire growth potential." Weather information may be found at: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/.

16. You may not burn during a temperature inversion, when the ground temperature is lower than the air mass above it. Fog is an indication of a temperature inversion. The burn may not occur when fog is forecasted or present. Weather information may be found at: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/.

If weather conditions change during the burn, you are required to act to mitigate the nuisance conditions.

Violations of any condition of this permit or any laws or regulations will constitute cause for revocation of this permit and fines of $500 per violation, per day may be imposed.

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Marc Elrich
County Executive

Adam Ortiz
Director

November 7, 2019

William Hendry
18405 Muncaster Rd
Rockville, MD 20855

Re: DEPC Case #20192636
Agricultural Burn Permit
Property accessed by 18405 Muncaster Rd, Rockville
MD Dept of Assessments and Taxation Number 08-000708977

Dear Mr. Hendry,

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received your request for an Agricultural Burn Permit.

Please ensure that all conditions of the permit are met prior to conducting any burn. The burn pile is to remain in the same location as previous burns.

Note that there is an exception to the burning prohibition during the period from June 1 through August 31 of each year for the burning of pest infested crops or products, agricultural burning that is necessary for animal disease control, and agricultural burning of excessive lodging for the purpose of re-cropping. Confirmation of such is to be obtained, in writing by the applicant, from the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service prior to requesting an agricultural burning permit from DEP.

Take note that any fire which does not meet the criteria established for an agricultural burn will be deemed an open fire by DEP, and is prohibited by Montgomery County's Air Quality Control Ordinance. The penalty for an air ordinance violation is $500 for the first offense. Each day a violation continues may be considered a separate offense.

Our objective is to eliminate or minimize potential problems created by open burning, not to issue citations. If you have any questions or would like a copy of Montgomery County's Air Quality Control Ordinance or Maryland Department of the Environment's regulations on open fires, please call (240) 777-7750.

Sincerely,

Gretchen F. Ekstrom
Environmental Health Specialist III

Enclosure