



Chowan County & The Town of Edenton UPDATE Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Updated info

- Check out the joint video posted on the County and Town's Facebook pages or the County website to view a joint video discussing COVID-19 and the Executive Order, or go to this link <https://youtu.be/tlbginVNsk0>
 - See the attached MEMO from NC Forest Service. This is not a Burn Ban, however **Residents asked to reconsider burning yard debris due to spring wildfire season and COVID-19 pandemic.**
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Residents asked to reconsider burning yard debris due to spring wildfire season and COVID-19 pandemic

RALEIGH – N.C. Forest Service officials urge citizens to reconsider burning yard debris through the end of May, which historically marks the end of spring wildfire season in North Carolina. Consider alternatives to burning. Some types of debris, such as leaves, grass and stubble, may be of more value if they are not burned but used for mulch instead.

“In North Carolina, most wildfires are caused by human action and careless debris burning. When left unattended, debris burns can escape, igniting tragic wildfires,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Minimizing the number of escaped debris burns will reduce the risk of wildfires while also reducing the risk of community exposure to COVID-19 by allowing first responders to limit close-contact interactions and maintain social distance.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the N.C. Forest Service continues mission critical work such as wildfire suppression and other emergency response functions.

For tips to protect property, prevent wildfires or to access the Online Burning Permit System, visit ncforestservice.gov.