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TEMPORARY CHANGE FOR AUTOMATED BURN PERMITS

Due to a temporary outage of the Georgia Forestry Commission's automatic telephone burn permit system, citizens seeking permission to burn yard debris are asked to use the agency's online portal. Effective immediately, requests for permits to burn hand piled natural vegetation should be entered at the website GaTrees.org. This request will be in effect for at least two weeks.

Because of the outage, callers will not be able to access the automated system. However, the GFC will have the 1-877-OK2-BURN line forwarded to its response centers. Callers may still use the toll free number to reach a dispatcher, who can answer questions and issue permits.

Callers' patience is appreciated by the GFC as call volume is expected to increase dramatically during this time. In the case of wildfire, citizens should always call 911.

For more information about burn permits, fire safety, and services of the GFC, visit GaTrees.org.

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