

Code of Ethics for NC Prescribed Burners

Background

The purpose of the Code of Ethics for NC Prescribed Burners is to establish criteria that encourage prescribed fire practitioners across the state to foster a culture of ethical integrity and set the highest standards of professionalism when implementing and conducting prescribed burns on private and public lands.

Code of Ethics

- We ensure that prescribed burning is the controlled application of fire to vegetative fuels under specified environmental conditions
- We maximize positive impacts to fire dependent species and ecosystems
- We strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our knowledge and skill through training
- We encourage the professional development of others through training and mentoring
- We are North Carolina Certified Burners
- We prepare and follow a written burn plan
- We clearly state goals and objectives for each prescribed burn in our written plans
- We obtain the proper burn permits and authorization before implementing the burn
- We know and follow prescribed burn laws and regulations in North Carolina
- We practice good smoke management from ignition until the fire is out
- We follow all safety guidelines to provide protection and ensure safety for all persons and adjacent property
- We notify adjoining landowners and emergency services before we burn
- We exercise professionalism, competence, and respect in the performance of your duties as prescribed fire practitioners
- We maintain accountability for all our actions

