



# Montgomery County

Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
2425 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902



## *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: February 10, 2023

Permit Expiration Date: March 13, 2023

This permit authorizes:

Name: Manolo Gomez

Address: Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard  
18125 Comus Road  
Dickerson, MD 20842

To burn agricultural debris as described herein at the following location:  
Tree branches, vegetative material, brush clippings

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 premises 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/>.

***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.***