



## COVID-19 State-Level Public Service Updates

Lancaster County, SC is sharing two important reminders about state-level policies implemented in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Please help share this information with your family and friends to ensure widest public dissemination.

The South Carolina Forestry Commission implemented a statewide burning ban on Tuesday April 7, 2020 for all unincorporated areas in South Carolina. As part of the ban, yard debris burns or burn barrels, prescribed or controlled burns, in addition to campfires and bonfires are prohibited, according to the Forestry Commission. The ban is open ended, and will stay in place until further notice from the Forestry Commission. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/34F1abe>.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) reminds citizens that under Governor McMaster's Executive Order No. 2020-17, "non-essential" business, venues, facilities, services, and activities were ordered to remain closed to the public. This closure also included spas and public or commercial swimming pools. All previously listed entities were required to close by Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm until the state of emergency ends or is lifted by the Governor.

The Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-17 has raised questions regarding Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and other similar venues since they are "private" – not open to the public. The order (<https://bit.ly/34EYL0f>) states that "businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities shall remain closed to non-employees and shall not be open for access or use by the public—to include members, if access or use is ordinarily restricted to or based on membership". Additionally, SC Swimming Pool regulations R.61-51 (<https://bit.ly/2Ka0st3>) define a "public pool as one not built in connection with a family residence or duplex and is confined to their use".

For more information visit the SCDHEC Water Management website: <https://bit.ly/3esqMwA>.