

OPEN BURNING OF RESIDENTIAL BRUSH (2" and Under in Diameter)



The open burning of residential brush (limited to 2" and under in diameter) requires a Burning Permit signed by the local Fire Marshal. Any person who kindles or directs another to kindle a fire in the open air, without proper authorization from state or local authorities or burns materials that are prohibited from being burned by any provision of the general statutes, regulations of the state or local ordinance, is subject to fine and imprisonment.

Open burning with a signed Permit is limited to the burning of brush (2" and under in diameter) only, on residential property upon which the permittee resides and is subject to all the conditions listed below:

- Final verbal approval must be obtained on the day of and prior to burning by calling 860-399-7921 (permit number must be available to give dispatcher).
- Burning may only be conducted between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on Saturday and/or Sunday on a sunny day or partly sunny day with the wind speed between 5 and 15 miles per hour.
- Burning must cease if so directed by any member of the Town Fire Marshal's Office, any Officer of the Fire Department or any Official of the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

- All reasonable measures to assure complete combustion and reduce excessive smoke are to be taken.
- All reasonable safety precautions are to be taken, including the cleaning of grass and trees in the burn area, wetting down of the surrounding area, and the placement of fire extinguishers and hose lines.
- The signed burning permit must be immediately available at the site during burning.



A Burning Permit is **not valid** under the following conditions:

- When national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded;
- Where a hazardous health condition might be created;
- When the forest fire danger is identified by the DEP Commissioner as extreme and where woodland or grass land is within 100 feet of the proposed burn;
- When there is an advisory from the DEP Commissioner of any air pollution episode;
- Burning of any material other than 2" or under in diameter brush
- On property other than residential property upon which the permittee resides.

VIOLATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A BURNING PERMIT MAY CAUSE THE FORFEITURE OF ONE'S ABILITY FOR A PERMIT IN THE FUTURE AND MAY SUBJECT ONE TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200 OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS OR BOTH.