

WHITMAN FIRE-RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
OPEN BURNING PERMIT & REGULATIONS

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BURNING REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PER ORDER

OF:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Open burning, the burning of any material out of doors, releases large amounts of carbon monoxide and other gaseous, and solid substances, directly into the atmosphere. Open burning causes air pollution and aggravates respiratory ailments. Under poor atmospheric conditions, open burning creates a smoke and odor nuisance, as well as a health threat to area residents, especially in densely populated areas. For these reasons, open burning is restricted in Massachusetts.

GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING OPEN BURNING

- Before placing materials to be burned in an area, remove all grass and debris.
- Before burning brush, dry by cutting in advance and covering
- **DO NOT USE ANY FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND/OR SUBSTANCE**

BURNING OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS AND/OR AREAS ARE PROHIBITED

- Brush, trees, cane and driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
- Grass, hay, leaves, and stumps
- Tires
- Building materials of all types including lumber and shingles
- Burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved sites
- Stacking, placing or storing combustible materials in a manner such that the department may presume that it will be burned.

BURNING, WITH A PERMIT, ALLOWS THE FOLLOWING:

- Brush, cane, driftwood, and other forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations
- Between January 15th and April 30th under the following conditions:
 - o Burning is carried out between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM only
 - o Burning is at least 75 feet away from all dwellings
 - o Burning must take place on land closest to the source of material to be burned.
- Materials normally associated with the pursuit of agriculture such as fruit tree pruning, dead raspberry stalks, and blueberry patches for pruning purposes, and infected beehives for disease control.
- Fungus infected Elmwood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available (Disease free brush is not an acceptable starting aid)

BURNING AND EXTINGUISHMENTS

- Someone must attend the fire until completely extinguished. Have available a water supply, such as a pressurized water pump can, hose, shovels and/or rakes for controlling the fire. A charged hose line is the preferred choice.
- Burn the fire down to coals and spread the coals with snow, water, sand or soil.

CALL 781-447-7677 FOR BURNING AUTHORIZATION

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

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