



Methuen Fire Department

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OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES

Open burning permits may be issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris – excluding grass, hay, leaves, stumps or trash. All such open burning must be conducted:

- From January 15 to May 1 of each year, between 10am and 4pm
- On land proximate to the place of generation
- At a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling and placed away from other materials that could burn or catch fire, both overhead and to the side, such as tree branches, sheds, awnings, clothes lines, wires, fences and plants
- You must keep the pile of brush you are burning small and manageable - no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet.
- Do not leave the fire unattended. The person whose name is on the permit must be present during all burning activity.
- A garden hose must be ready and available for quick extinguishment if necessary.
- Must not cause a nuisance to neighbors.
- It is the sole responsibility of the person conducting the open burning for any damages that may occur.

You MUST call the Methuen Fire Department at (978) 983-8940 each day that you will be burning. This allows you to confirm that the Fire Officer in Charge is permitting burning that day and also assures that our department is aware that you are burning and are aware of the above guidelines.