

**Stoughton Fire Department  
All Emergencies CALL 911**

**RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING RULES**

**Allowed only with Daily Approval from  
January 15 through May 1 - 10AM to 4 PM**

*Permit may be obtained at the Freeman St. Fire Station # 1 for \$10.00 - Seasonal Permit*

**This Permit is valid only at the specified address on the permit.**

1. The holder of the permit shall call 781-232-9246 each day burning is desired for recorded message.  
At which time permission may be granted if weather and forest conditions permit for that day only.

**Do not call before 9:30 am for authorization to burn**

2. No permits will be issued when the wind speed is at or above 10 miles per hour, or at the discretion of the Shift Commander
3. All fires shall be between 10 am and 4pm and must be out by 4pm including all embers. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
4. Authorization will not be given after 2:00 PM

**The following yard waste can be burned:**

1. Domestic tree trimming and pruning.
2. Domestic garden preparation.
3. Maintenance of existing access ways.

**The following IS NOT allowed to be burned:**

1. Grass, hay, leaves and pine needles.
2. Industrial or commercial land clearing for site or road development.
3. Reduction of material other than natural wood.
4. Reduction of whole trees and stumps.
5. Reduction of construction or demolition materials

**Open Burning MUST be accomplished in accordance with the following Laws:**

1. Without causing a nuisance.
2. With smoke minimizing starters. (**NO flammable liquids are acceptable**)
3. On land proximate to the place of generation or such material or at a place specifically designated on the permit.
4. At a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling
5. A water supply (ie. Garden hose) shall be nearby for fire control.
6. A responsible person must be in attendance at all times while the fire is burning and until all embers are out.

Violations of these rules and applicable state laws may result in the Permit being revoked and the person to whom the permit was issued having to report to the Fire Chief, or his designee, within 48 hours. Any violation may result in loss of burning privileges for the remainder of the burning season, costs incurred for fire control, and or criminal charges per:

**Massachusetts General Law Chapter 48 sec. 13**

with a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation, and or imprisonment plus cost of suppression.

**Massachusetts General Law Chapter 111 sec. 142 A-E**

Massachusetts Clean Air Act

**310 CMR 7.07** Date & Time Regulations