

Town of Lee



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Fire Department



PRESS RELEASE

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From the Office of the Chief of Department

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Open Burning by Permit

On Saturday, January 15, permitted burning season begins in Massachusetts. The season runs annually from January 15 thru May 1, seven days a week.

Burning Permits may be obtained online at <http://www.bcburnpermits.com> or by dialing the following: (413) 243-2100. All fires must have a permit issued daily.

Permits are only issued between 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM.

Permits are only issued ON THE DAY that you wish to burn.

No permits are issued IN ADVANCE due to the potential for changing weather conditions.

Below are the rules for open burning:

- You may only burn BRUSH! All other materials are illegal. No leaves, grass, hay, stumps, building debris or any other materials are allowed to be burned.
- All open burning must be a minimum of 75 feet from buildings or structures.
- Burning will be allowed to start at 10:00am and must be extinguished by 4pm.
- Any open fire must be attended at all times by the permit holder.
- No person shall set, maintain or increase a fire in open air at any time except by permission.
- You must be 18 years or older to apply for a permit and/or set, maintain or increase a fire once permission has been granted by the Fire Department.
- You must have an appropriate means to extinguish an open air fire completely at the end of the day or if requested by the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department can refuse or cancel a permit at any time. (Example: Violation of permit regulations, or change in weather conditions.)
- Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR: DEP 7.07 "Open Burning"

You may not burn:

- Leaves
- Brush, trees, cane or driftwood from commercial or industrial land clearing
- Grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires
- Construction materials or demolition debris
- Household trash

More information on burning can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/open-burning-safety>