

Town of Lee



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Fire Department



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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>