

OPEN BURNING

REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

BURNING SEASON

- Burning season begins each year on January 15th and concludes at 4:00PM on May 1st.
- No burning may be started before 10:00AM or after 12:00PM, and must be completely extinguished by 4:00PM.

PERMIT REQUIRED

- A permit must be obtained at Fire Headquarters, 215 Maple Street.
- Permits for open burning may be obtained Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to Noon and from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Permits are also available from 9:00AM till Noon on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Permit fee is \$10.00, cash or bank check -NO personal checks. Make check payable to the **City of Marlborough** (not the fire department).
- Once issued, permit is valid for the season.
- Permit holder is **required to call the Fire Dept. Hotline at 508-624-6989** each day between 9AM and 12PM and listen to the recorded message. Burning will be allowed based on wind and weather conditions.

WHAT CAN BE BURNED

- Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operation, agricultural-related materials, agricultural land clearing, fungus-infected Elmwood.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED FROM BURNING

- Grass, hay, leaves, and stumps
- Burning of tires
- Burning of construction materials

STARTING THE FIRE

- Material to be burned should be in small controllable piles.
- Burning must be 75' from all structures
- Start the fire using some dry pine branches, a holiday wreath will work well if you have one. If necessary either small amounts of kerosene, #2 fuel (no gasoline), or a pressurized burner which uses diesel fuel.

WHILE BURNING

- An adult **MUST** attend to the fire at all times until completely extinguished.
- Have available a sufficient water supply, such as a pressurized water pump can or hose (connected with supply on), and shovels or rakes for controlling the fire.
- Have readily available means to contact the fire department should you lose control of the fire i.e. a cell phone nearby. (From a cell phone 508-485-2323. Or 911-Until Next Gen 911 is in place there can be a delay)
- Smoke, soot and ash from your fire cannot create a nuisance to others or to the environment.

EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE

- Burn the fire down to coals and spread the coals with snow, water, sand or soil.
- Fire must be completely extinguished by 4:00PM.