

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 check. Make check payable to the City of Marlborough (not the fire department).
- Once issued, permit is valid for the season and must be activated each day of use.
- Permit holder is required to call the Dispatch Center at 508-485-2323 each day between 9AM and 12PM for permission to burn. 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.
- Start the fire using 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, 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.
- 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.