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**Open Burning Regulations**

The Open Burning Season in Massachusetts starts January 15 and ends May 1. In many communities, residents may burn tree limbs, brush and other organic debris, remnants of storms and winter winds in order to clean up their yards. What can be burned, when, and under what conditions is regulated, because of the health and safety risks associated with the burning.

Open Burning is addressed by the Dept. of Fire Services as a public safety issue, and by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs because of air quality issues. The Department of Environmental Protection offers “Guidance for Adopting Municipal Regulation to Control Air Pollution under M.G.L. chapter 111, section 31C.” Cities and Towns adopting regulations to control air pollution need to comply with the statute.

If allowed, the open burning must be a minimum of 75 feet from all buildings and must be conducted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to DEP Regulations at 310 CMR 7.07.

**Burning Brush Regulations**

- No person shall set, maintain or increase a fire in open air at any time except by permission
- Must be 18 years or older to apply for permit and/or set, maintain or increase fire once permission has been granted by the Fire Department
- Permit holders must be the owner of the property or have permission of the property owner to obtain a permit.
- 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 on the weekend permitted and only on the weekend. There will be no weekday burning allowed.
- Any open fire must be attended at all times by permit holder.
- An appropriate means to extinguish an open air fire completely at the end of the day or if requested by the Fire Department
- Permits are for BRUSH ONLY! All other materials are illegal. No leaves, grass, hay, stumps, building debris or any other materials are allowed to be burned.
- Huntington Fire Department can refuse or cancel a permit at any time. (Example: Violation of permit regulations, or change in weather conditions.)

-The above rules do not affect the rules pertaining to recreational/cooking fires.