

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

Massachusetts allows residents to burn brush between **January 15 and May 1**, depending on weather conditions. The permits are free of charge, but availability depends on weather conditions.

Regulations

- 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 permit and/or set, maintain or increase 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.)
- Open burning season is January 15 - May 1.

Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR: DEP 7.07 "Open Burning"

More information: from the Massachusetts DEP.

HOW TO OBTAIN A PERMIT:

Obtain a permit online: fcburnpermits.com

or call the Franklin County Dispatcher: [\(413\) 625-8200](tel:4136258200) dispatcher can issue burning permits

Permits are available during the burning season, subject to weather conditions.