

**West Boylston Fire Department
39 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583**

OPEN AIR BURNING PERMIT

(Valid January 15 to May 1)

Permit No.: 07- _____

Date Issued: _____

Under the provisions of Chapter 48, section 13 of the M.G.L., and within regulations established by 310 CMR Section 7.07, a PERMIT for residential open air burning is granted by the West Boylston Fire Department.

I have received a copy of the 'Open Burning Regulations' and will comply with the provisions.

Name of applicant: _____ Signature of applicant: _____
Please print

RULES FOR OPEN AIR BURNING

-Open Air Burning is allowed from JANUARY 15th to MAY 1st at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designee. In order to burn you must first obtain a Open Air Burning Permit at the Bruce L. Shepard Public Safety Headquarters and pay a one time seasonal non-refundable fee of \$10.00. All payments are to be made by check only.

-Once you have obtained your permit, it is valid throughout the Open Air Burning season. On a day that you wish to burn, you must FIRST call the Public Safety Communications Center between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM at 835-3233 to find out if burning will be allowed for that day. If burning is allowed, you will need to give the dispatcher your permit number, name, and address where the burning will take place. Note: This must be the address on the permit. A permit is only good for one location.

-Open air burning will be allowed from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The fire must be completely extinguished by 4:00 PM. Burn the fire down to coals and spread the coals with snow, water, sand or soil.

-Permit holders are allowed to burn brush smaller than four inches, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris. The burning of items such as building materials, grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires and rubbish is not allowed.

-Materials must be burned on land proximate to the place of generation.

-The fire MUST be supervised at all times until the fire is completely extinguished.

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-Fires must be set in a location greater than 75 feet from any building. Brush should be burned in small piles no larger than 4 ft X 4 ft X 3 ft in height . The area around the burn site must be clear of combustible materials to prevent spreading.

-Commercial burning is NOT allowed. This permit is not valid for lot or land clearing.

-The fire shall not cause a nuisance to neighbors or the general public.

-The Open Air Burning Permit does not release the permit holder from any liability from damages, including payment of Fire Department costs in the event that control of the fire is lost, or illegal burning requires extinguishments.

-In case of heavy winds or otherwise dangerous conditions, this permit will become automatically invalid.

-The use of flammable liquids for the purpose of starting permit fires is PROHIBITED.

-This permit must be available while burning and shall be shown to anyone who may request to see it.

-The West Boylston Fire Department reserves the right to revoke any Open Air Burning Permit at any time.

-You should have a watering hose close by to keep the area around the permit fire wet down. If this is not possible, a shovel or other means of extinguishing the fire must be available.

-Open-air fires are subject to inspection by the West Boylston Fire Department and / or the Department of Environmental Management.

**If the fire starts to burn out of control please call 911
immediately!**

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!