

HINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
BURNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open burning of any material releases large amounts of carbon monoxide and other gaseous and solid substances directly into the atmosphere. Open burning causes air pollution and aggravates respiratory problems. Under poor atmospheric conditions, open burning creates a smoke and odor nuisance as well as a health threat to area residents. For this reason, open burning is restricted.

YOU MUST OBTAIN A WRITTEN PERMIT FROM THE HINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT OPEN BURNING.

Burning with a permit of the following materials is allowed:

Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from OTHER THAN commercial or industrial land clearing operations between JANUARY 15 – MAY 1st, under the following conditions:

- 1.) Burning must be at least 75 feet from all dwellings.
- 2.) Burning may only take place between the hours of 10 AM to 4 PM.
No permits will be issued after 2 PM and all fires must be completely extinguished by 4 PM.
- 3.) Burning must take place on the land closest to the source of material to be burned.
- 4.) Burning must be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation without causing a nuisance.
- 5.) You must call the Hingham Fire Department at 741-1480, each and every day you intend to burn.

BURNING OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS IS PROHIBITED:

LEAVES, GRASS, HAY, STUMPS, RUBBISH, BUILDING MATERIALS, TIRES.

GUIDELINES FOR OPEN BURNING:

- 1.) Burn in a safe clear area, remove all grass and combustible material.
- 2.) Have an available water supply such as a pressurized water hose.

THE FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED UNTIL COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED.

Burning permits may be rescinded or revoked pending violations of these rules and regulations.

PLEASE REMEMBER: OPEN BURNING CAUSES AIR POLLUTION.

Burning Permits may be obtained at Fire Department Headquarters, 339 Main St. There is a one time charge of \$5:00

H.F.D. TEL. # 741-1480

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