

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### FIRE MARSHAL, BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING DIVISIONS

Michael Gulino Fire Marshal (860) 675-2320

## **OPEN BURNING PERMITS**

Open Burning Permits are issued to Town Residents for the burning of *brush only* on residential property upon which the permittee resides. Only unprocessed wood is allowed to be burned.

The Local Open Burning Official, Michael Gulino, Fire Marshal, is the ONLY person authorized to approve local Burning Permits. You must call ahead with your information (Name, Address, Phone Number, and date you plan to start burning, for the permit). After the permit is typed and signed by the Fire Marshal, then the applicant will be notified to come into Town Hall and sign the permit.

Burn permits are ONLY good for One (1) Week. Burning may be conducted between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM on sunny days with the wind speed between five and fifteen miles per hours. Also, please check the "Predicted Daily AQI Maximums" and the Forest Fire Danger Levels to ensure safe levels.

\*\*There is no charge for this permit. PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR PERMIT PROCESS. If you need a continuance to burn, after your week has ended, please call for another permit.\*\*

**CEREMONIAL and COOKING FIRES** 

No permit required.

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# **PERMIT CONDITIONS**

The permit DOES NOT relieve the permittee of any legal liability, which may be incurred as a result of the fire.

Failure to adhere to the conditions of the permit may result in penalties and/or other enforcement actions.

## This Permit is NOT Valid Under the Following Conditions:

- 1) When national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded.
- 2) Where a hazardous health condition might be created.
- 3) When the Air Quality Index (AQI) is predicted to be 75 or higher anywhere in the State as indicated in the Table entitled "Predicted Daily AQI Maximums for Month/Day/Year": as found at
- 4) When the Forest Fire Danger Level is high, very high, or extreme, as found at
- 5) When there is an advisory from the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection of any air pollution episode.

#### **General Conditions:**

- 1. Open burning is limited to the burning of brush only, on residential property upon which the permittee resides. Only Brush (defined as shrubs, vegetation or pruning's, the diameter of which is not greater than three inches at the widest point) may be burned. Burning on property not zoned or classified as residential is prohibited.
- 2. Burning must cease if so directed by any member of the Town Fire Marshal's Office, any Officer of the Fire Department, designated municipal official responsible for enforcing the open burning laws and ordinances, or any Official of the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).
- 3. During the burn, all reasonable measures to assure complete combustion and reduce excessive smoke are to be taken.
- 4. At no time during the burn should the fire be left unattended.
- 5. At the completion of the burn period, all embers and coals must be extinguished and wetted, so as to prevent smoldering and fugitive ash emissions.
- 6. All reasonable safety precautions are to be taken, including the clearing of grass and trees in the burn area, wetting down of the surrounding area, and the placement of fire extinguishers and hose lines.
- 7. This permit must be immediately available on site during the burn.
- 8. Burning may only be conducted between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on a sunny or partly sunny day with the wind speed between five and fifteen miles per hour. The burn pile must be completely extinguished by 5:00 P.M. and all embers and coals must be extinguished and wetted (see Condition 5 above).
- 9. Burning may not create a nuisance to nearby properties.