

Massachusetts Open Burning

Permit Required ~ January 15th thru May 1st

Burn During Legal
Time Period



BUREAU OF FOREST FIRE CONTROL How to Conduct a Safe Open Burn



Open Burning Dates: January 15th through May 1st
~ 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM ~

Open burning requires a permit. Obtain one from your local forest warden and/or fire chief. Please follow the proper procedure in your community for acquiring a permit prior to burning.

Keep fire suppression tools handy. You should have a water hose, pump, shovel, or other firefighting implements on hand to manage your burn and to put the fire out if it starts to get out of control.

Monitor the burn closely until it is dead out. If you see signs of the burn expanding beyond the planned area, such as increasing smoke and increasing flames, take action to put it out immediately. If you can't suppress it, call your local fire department.

Each year fires started by home and landowners burn thousands of acres of land and cost taxpayers thousands of dollars to suppress. These blazes hurt both the environment and the economy by burning important wildlife habitat, prime recreation facilities, and valuable natural resources. The impacts of major human-caused wildland fires last for years, and even decades, and can permanently change the way these lands are managed for future public use.

For more information about how to prevent wildfires while permit burning, contact the State District Fire Warden in your county or your local Forest Warden/Fire Chief.

Be Sure Fire is
Dead Out!

