



January 11, 2009

Dear Forest Warden and / or Fire Chief,

This notice is a reminder that the Open Burn season begins January 15<sup>th</sup> and continues until its end at 4:00 PM, May 1, 2009.

In 2008, our Commonwealth saw several structure losses while other landowners were threatened by the loss to wildfire. The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Forest Fire Control asks that you continue the implementation of the Massachusetts' Open Burning regulations. The ice storm of last month has left above average amounts of fuel on the ground. Please be aware that these fuels will cure and could increase fire danger and its hazards to firefighters this spring season.

For more information about Massachusetts Regulation Defining Allowable Open Burning in the State (310 CMR 7.07) please access the Open Burning link on our website at: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/firecont/index.htm> or refer to Section (19) OPEN BURNING in your *Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control Directory of Information* manual.

Thank you for continuing to implement Massachusetts' Open Burning regulations.

Respectfully Yours,

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