

ATTACHMENT A



Burn Permit

Purpose: To allow for open burning of brush only, on residential property

Brush is defined as shrubs, vegetation or prunings, the diameter of which is not greater than three inches at the widest point.

Non-processed wood is considered to be any untreated, natural wood up to and including rough cut lumber.

Processed wood is considered to be any wood that has been milled and/or planed and includes recycled wood, glued wood, treated wood, pallets, crates, and/or wood scraps from these types of materials.

Burn *only* clean, *non-processed* wood.

- Burning must cease if directed so by the Fire Marshal's Office or Officer of the Fire Department, any designated municipal official responsible for enforcing the open burning laws and ordinances, or any Official of the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
- At no time during the burn should the fire be left unattended.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Burn permit must be immediately available on site during the burn.

- Call Waterford Dispatch at (860)442-5331 before any burning is to take place and when its complete.
- 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.
- Burning may not create a nuisance to nearby properties if so, you can be directed by personnel listed above to extinguish it regardless of the permit.

Open burning is *not* allowed:

- to clear land prior to construction activities
- As a means to dispose of construction debris, household trash, or leaves.
- if the Air Quality Index (AQI) is forecasted to be 100 or higher anywhere in the state
- if the Forest Fire Danger Index is rated *High, Very High, or Extreme*
- if national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded
- if a hazardous health condition might be created
- if there is an advisory from DEEP of any air pollution episode

You should *not* burn wood pallets, construction debris, painted wood, stained/treated wood, or garbage in a campfire/bonfire, fire pit, chiminea or other similar device.

Exceptions: The burning of non-processed wood in a campfire, chiminea or other similar devices are not required to have a permit.

Reference: CT State DEEP Open burning official documentation 2024

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