

GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN BURNING SEASON
January 15th – Apr 30th

- Hours for burning are **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**
- You must call **(978) 732-1944** daily after 9AM for burning authorization burn pile must be started by 1:00PM

Starting the Fire

- Before placing materials to be burned in an area, remove all grass.
- Before burning brush, dry by cutting in advance or covering.

Start the fire using either small amounts of kerosene, #2 fuel (not gasoline), or use a pressurized burner which uses diesel fuel.

While Burning

Someone must attend the fire until completely extinguished.

Have available a water supply, such as a pressurized water pump can or hose, and shovels or rakes for controlling the fire

Extinguishing the Fire

Burn the fire down to coals and spread the coals with snow, water, sand, or soil.

The only times a permit is not necessary are:

- To combat or backfire by persons affiliated with an official firefighting agency.
- For cooking purposes.

All open burning must be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation without causing a nuisance, as determined by DEP.

The burning of any material out-of-doors 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, especially in densely populated areas. For these reasons, open burning is restricted in Massachusetts.

Burning (with a permit) of the following material is ALLOWED:

Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations between January 15th – Apr 30th under the following conditions:

- Burning must be a minimum of 75 feet from all dwellings.
- Burning must be carried out between 10:00AM and 4:00 PM
- Burning must take place on land closest to the source of material to be burned.

Open Burning prohibited state wide for the following:

- Commercial/ Institutional Land clearing, non-agriculture purposes.
- Grass, hay, leaves, stumps
- Tires

Open burning permits authorizes you to burn. It's your responsibility to keep the fire under control.