

Burning Season – Burning Permits

Open Air Burning (with a Permit to Burn) is allowed between
January 15th and May 1st 10AM – 4PM only

Burning Permits must be obtained prior to a request for permission to burn
at Norton Fire Department Headquarters – 70 East Main St.
Monday – Thursday 8AM to 4PM

Steps involved in order to burn:

1. Read through all the information below.
2. Go to the Norton Fire Department Headquarters at 70 East Main Street and apply for a Permit to Burn.
3. You will be given a numbered Permit to Burn –
Please keep this permit in a safe place, this permit does not expire.
4. On the day you want to burn you must first call the
Permission to Burn line - 508-285-3341 after 9:15 AM

**DO NOT CALL 911, the POLICE DEPARTMENT or the FIRE DEPARTMENT,
to request permission to burn.**

- On days when **burning is allowed** you will hear the following:
**“Today is (day and date).
Burning is allowed in the Town of Norton from 10AM to 4PM.
Please and leave your name, address, permit number and phone number.
Thank you.”**
**Note: The address given must be the address on the Permit to Burn –
the permit is only valid for one location.**
 - On days when **burning is not allowed** you will hear the following:
**“Today is (day and date).
Burning is NOT ALLOWED today in the Town of Norton.”**
 - Daily after 4PM you will hear the following:
**“This is the Town of Norton Burning line. Please call after 9:15 AM for
permission to burn.”**
5. Please be patient. On days when many people are requesting permission to burn, the line may become busy, please try again.

Please review these regulations printed on your Permit to Burn prior to burning:

Burning (with a valid Permit to Burn) between **January 15th** and **May 1st** of the follow materials is **ALLOWED**:

- Brush, Cane, Driftwood and forestry debris from other than Commercial or Industrial Land Clearing operations under the following conditions:
- Burning must be at least **75 feet from all dwellings.**
- Burning must be carried out between **10am and 4pm.**
- Burning must take place on land closest to the source being burned.
- Materials normally associated with the pursuit of agriculture, such as fruit tree trimmings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches for pruning purposes, infected beehives for disease control.
- Tree and brush resulting from agricultural land clearing.
- Fungus-infected Elmwood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available. (Disease free brush is not an acceptable starting aid.)

**A FUNCTIONAL GARDEN HOSE OR WATER EXTINGUISHER
IS REQUIRED AROUND ALL OPEN FIRES.**

Permits are also required for the following activities:

- Training for research in fire protection or prevention with specific approval by the Department of Environmental Engineering (DEQE)
- Burning of Christmas trees from **December 26th to January 7th** of each year.
- One ceremonial bonfire each year to observe a municipal, state or national event under the supervision of the Fire Department.
- Bonfires between **July 2nd and July 6th** under the supervision of the Norton Fire Department.

Burning of the following materials is PROHIBITED statewide:

- Brush, trees, cane and driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
- Grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires.
- Burning at landfills for refuse disposal facilities other than approved sights.
- Stacking, placing or storing combustible material such that the department may presume that it will be burned.

Fires Must be Attended Until Completely Extinguished

Do not leave your fire burning unattended.

This is a reason to revoke your burning permit.

If any fire starts to burn out of control, call 911 immediately!