



# *FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT*

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Burning Permits are available for burning brush from January 15 through May 1 of each year. In order to obtain a permit to burn, citizen must visit the Fire Department Headquarters, 40 West Central Street or apply on-line. There is no fee for the permit which is good throughout the burning season. Below are listed several guidelines and requirements for burning.

- Specific conditions for open burning
  - Must be on the same land (property) the debris was generated.
  - Must be greater than 75' from any dwelling.
  - Between 10 AM and 4 PM
  - Without causing a nuisance  
(Causing a nuisance is grounds for permit revocation)
- Prohibited Open Burning
  - Commercial burning
  - Institutional burning
  - Burning at landfills/transfer stations/recycling centers
  - Demolition debris
- Commercial Burning Includes
  - Golf course
  - Clearing home lots
- Institutional Burning Includes
  - Municipal properties
  - Commercial properties
- Agricultural Burning
  - Hours same as residential
  - Property must be 5 acres or more
  - Property must generate \$ 500 or more annually
  - Property must be involved in the cultivation of food stuff or the raising of livestock.
  - Property must be under the provisions of MGL Chapter 61 A.
  - Nurseries are considered agricultural properties but may only burn materials generated on-site.

If you have any questions regarding burning permits or the requirements for burning please contact the Fire Department at 508-528-2323.