

OPEN BURNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open burning with a PERMIT of the following material is allowed:

- * Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris
- * Materials normally associated with the pursuit of agriculture, such as fruit tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches for pruning purposes, infected beehives for disease control.
- * Trees and brush resulting from agricultural land clearing.

Guidelines for conducting open burning

- * Burning must be at least 75 feet from all dwellings,
- * Burning must take place on land closest to the source of the material being burned.
- * Before placing the materials to be burned remove all grass from area.
- * Before burning brush, dry by cutting and covering in advance.

While Burning

- * Someone **MUST** attend the fire until completely extinguished.
- * Have available a water supply, shovels or rakes for controlling the fire.
- * Burn the fire down to coals and spread the coals with snow, water, sand or soil.

Burning of the following materials is PROHIBITED statewide:

- * Burning of building materials
 - * Brush, trees, cane, and driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
 - * Grass, leaves, hay, stumps, and tires.
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- All burning will cease and fires shall be extinguished by 4:00 PM.
 - The Hamilton and Wenham Fire Departments reserve the right to inspect the burning site at any time.
 - Cost of calls to extinguish fires after regular burning hours will be at the property owners expense.
 - Burning season is from January 15 - May 1.
 - Owner **MUST** renew permit **DAILY, 468-5513 PRIOR TO BURNING**
 - Permits will be issued to property owners only.
 - Brush only shall be burned.

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