



Opening Burning Permit Rules

Natick Fire Department

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Why are there limits on open burning In Massachusetts?

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Natick Fire Department limit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Open burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe. When the air is stagnant open burning can pose smoke and odor nuisances- and other health risks- to nearby residents, particularly in densely populated areas. Open burning can also pose a safety risk when it is not adequately controlled, especially when wind increases the chance of fire spread. The limits on open burning do not apply to outdoor cooking

What can be burned, when and under what conditions?

You may burn, with limits: brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris, tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches and infested beehives. You may **NOT** burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires, building debris or rubbish.

What do you do before burning?

- Obtain only one(1) burning permit for the whole season
- Fill out permit at Natick Fire Department Headquarters, Fire Prevention Office
- Make check or money order payable to "The Town of Natick" for \$50.00 Cash will not be accepted.
- Obtain "Open Burning Rules to Follow" sheet when you receive your permit

Rules to follow EACH day you want to Burn.

1. Call Natick Fire Department Dispatch line at 508-647-9550 on the day you wish to burn and see if burning is allowed that day.
2. Inform Dispatcher of your name, address and **burning permit number**
3. Burning must not start before 10 am and must be completely extinguished by 4pm
4. You may not burn within 75 feet of any structure
5. Fires must always be supervised by an adult
6. You must have a hose line with a dependable water supply at the site of the material(s) to be burned