

**Shelburne Falls Fire District
121 State Street
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370**

To obtain a Burn Permit, please call (413) 625-8200 between the hours of 9am and Noon on the day you wish to burn.

Burn permits will only be issued on low fire danger class days as determined by the State Forest Service in relation to weather and vegetation conditions.

OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Open burning under poor atmospheric conditions can create a smoke nuisance, aggravate health and respiratory conditions. If not done properly and controlled, it can also endanger life, real property, and woodlands. For these reasons, open burning is closely regulated in Massachusetts by multiple regulatory organizations.

There is no charge for the issuance of a burn permit.

Burn season runs from January 15 through April 30.

Rules and Regulations for burning :

Only brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris, agriculture-related materials, agricultural land clearing only, and fungus-infected elm-wood are allowed under the following conditions:

- Burning must be at least 75 feet from any dwellings.
- Burning must be carried out between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.
- You must have equipment for controlling the fire, such as a garden hose, pressurized water pump, shovels and rakes, with sufficient help.
- Fire must be attended at all times.
- Fire must be extinguished fully by 4 pm

Burning the following materials is **PROHIBITED** and may subject you to the revocation of your burn permit and/or fines:

- Grass, hay, leaves, and stumps
- Tires
- Construction materials and lumber

A violation of any provision in 527 CMR 10.22 is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 plus the cost of suppression or by imprisonment for not more than one month.