

Unless open burning is being conducted for the purpose of:

-Combating or backfiring an existing fire by persons affiliated with an official fire fighting agency;

or,

-Is being used primarily for cooking purposes,

The following conditions must be met:

1. Possession of a valid permit from the local fire department or fire warden.

NOTE: Such permit may not be valid for more than two days from the date of issuance. A written record must be maintained for each permit including the name and address of the person receiving the permit, the date of permit issuance, and the location and type of materials to be burned. Such records must be available for public inspection.

2. Open burning must be conducted:

During periods of good atmospheric ventilation (as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection/DEP. Consult DEP's regional office as needed (phone #'s at end of this section), Division of Air Quality Control or contact the Air Quality (daily ozone report) hotline at 1-800-882-1497.

Without causing a nuisance (As determined by the Department of Environmental Protection);

With smoke minimizing starters if used.

Open burning permits may be issued for:

1. Training or research in fire protection or prevention with specific approval by the Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Activities associated with the normal pursuit of agriculture (Agriculture is defined as a raising of crops and livestock for commercial uses) which have been determined by the Department of Environmental Protection as necessary.
3. **Open burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris - excluding grass, hay, leaves, and stumps. All such open burning to be conducted:**
 - a. **From January 15th to May 1st of each year;**
 - b. **On land proximate to the place of generation;**
 - c. **At a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling, and;**
 - d. **Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

****You must have a hose with a constant water supply at your burning site at all times.**