

# BURNING PERMITS

## **Where can I obtain a Burn Permit?**

At the Fire Station located at 12 Center Street, Tilton, NH – Behind Main Street in Tilton. The hours are 8:30 – 5, Monday through Friday. Telephone 286-4781.

## **Who can obtain a Burn Permit?**

In order to obtain a permit, you must be the landowner or have written permission of the landowner.

## **When is a Burn Permit required?**

A burn permit must be obtained from April 1<sup>st</sup> until there is a permanent snow cover on the ground. This is regardless of whether or not it is raining.

## **If I plan on burning brush, how long is the permit valid?**

Permits to burn brush are valid for up to three days. There is no limit to the number of burn permits you can obtain in any one season. You may obtain one every three days if so desired.

## **What are the guidelines and hours for burning brush?**

You may burn between the hours of 5 pm and midnight. You may burn earlier if it is raining. It is considered “raining” when the drops will fall from the brim of your hat. A light mist does not count.

If you start your pile early due to rain and the rain stops, you must extinguish your fire until it starts to rain again or it is after 5 pm

You must be 50 feet from any boundary line, structure, trees or combustibles.

You may not burn anything that is more than 5 inches in diameter.

Your burn pile cannot be more than 5 feet in height.

You may not burn any painted or treated materials and you may **NOT** use any accelerants.

Your burn pile must be attended at all times.

Your pile must be fully extinguished when you leave or by midnight. A buried fire is not considered extinguished and is very unsafe.

## **Seasonal Burn Permit:**

You may obtain a Seasonal Burn Permit for your established campfire.

## **What is a campfire?**

A campfire is an area of at least 3 feet in diameter, cleared to bare earth. It is recommended that you use sand or stone to line the bottom. There should be a ring of stones, bricks or blocks around the diameter.

**When can I have a campfire?**

You may have a small campfire or cooking fire contained in your campfire at any time of the day with a seasonal permit. It must be attended at all times.

**Can I burn household trash in my campfire?**

Under no circumstances should you burn household trash. If you are found to be using your campfire to burn brush or incinerate trash, your seasonal permit will be **REVOKED**. Household trash is not to be burned, **EVER**.

**Can I burn inside a container?**

No containers may be used for burning. In NH this is considered incineration and is **ILLEGAL**.

**Can I have a fire in a Chiminea?**

Chimineas are allowed, but must be attended at all times.

**Permit holders should note that any fire that is deemed to be a nuisance, must be extinguished immediately.**