



**Town of Bourne**  
Fire/Rescue & Emergency  
Services  
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## **Bourne Open Burning Season Information**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 48, Section 13, no person shall set, maintain or increase a fire in the open air at any time except by permission granted by the forest warden or chief of the fire department. You can apply for a permit here:

<https://bournema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1076/record-types/1006359>. The fee for a permit is \$10, for the season.

**Open burning is allowed January 15, through May 1, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The shift commander makes the decision to burn at 10:00 a.m. each day, depending on weather conditions.

Each day you wish to burn, you must call 508-759-0600, extension 2300 and listen to the recorded message.

**In accordance with the regulations issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Comprehensive Fire Code, 527 CMR, the following apply:**

- Burning hours are between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. The fire must be completely extinguished and cool to the touch no later than 4:00 P.M. DO NOT LEAVE PILES UNATTENDED.
- Burning must be conducted on land closest to the source of the material being burned at least seventy-five (75) feet from any dwelling.
- Open burning shall be conducted without causing a nuisance.
- Accelerants such as gasoline, kerosene or other flammable liquids are strictly prohibited.
- A charged water hose, other suitable water supply and/or tool capable of extinguishing the fire must be readily available for fire control purposes.
- The fire must be attended until it is completely extinguished.
- This activity falls under the provisions of MGL Chapter 148, S. 10A, MGL Chapter 48, S. 13, 310 CMR 7.07:U Open Burning and 527 CMR 10.10.2.
- This permit is valid for burning of the following materials only: Brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris (but not from commercial or industrial land clearing) agricultural materials including fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, and infected bee hives for disease control, trees and brush from agricultural land clearing, fungus-infected elm wood, if no other acceptable means of disposal is available
- The burning of any other materials, including grass, leaves, hay, trash, rubbish, refuse, lumber, demolition materials, etc. is strictly prohibited at all times.
- The fire department has the authority to prohibit and extinguish any open fire where circumstances make such conditions hazardous per 527 CMR 10.10.2.