

GARDNER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Open Air Burning Rules & Regulations

Open Burning season runs January 15th to April 30th

The first time each season you wish to burn you must come into fire headquarters and fill out an information card.

Once you have filled out the info card each day you plan on burning you must call the Fire Department at (978) 630-4051 before 1:00 p.m. to let us know you intend to burn.

BURNING PERMITTED ONLY BETWEEN 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The fire shall be supervised at all times, AND AT LEAST 75 FEET AWAY FROM ANY DWELLING.

Applicant shall have sufficient men and equipment to control the fire.

The fire shall be **extinguished completely** before attendant leaves.

The person holding the permit is liable for any damage caused.

NO RUBBISH – Burning restricted to tree branches, brush and garden debris.

Burning will be restricted to garden debris and small piles of tree trimmings in cleared areas only.

Fire Department permission is needed for each day. The Fire Department reserves the right to cancel burning on any day if a change of wind or any dangerous condition creates a fire hazard.

If a smoke nuisance is caused by such burning, your permit will be revoked.

Fire starters must be of a smoke minimizing type: **RUBBER TIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: M.G.L. c 48 s 13. Violation punished by a fine of not more than \$500 plus the cost of suppression or by imprisonment for not more than one month or both.