

BURNING PERMITS

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 48 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, A WRITTEN PERMIT TO CONDUCT OPEN AIR BURNING MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MATERIALS FOR BURNING SHALL NOT BE PILED TO EXCEED A HEIGHT OF THREE (3) FEET, A WIDTH OF TEN (10) FEET, AND A LENGTH OF TEN (10) FEET.

THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT OPEN AIR BURNING UNDER A PERMIT SHALL BE THE LANDOWNER OR THE OWNERS AUTHORIZED AGENT AND SHALL REMAIN PRESENT TO CONTROL THE FIRE UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED.

THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS ALLOWED FOR BURNING:

*TREE BRANCHES, BRUSH, CANE, DRIFTWOOD, AND FORESTRY DEBRIS FROM OTHER THAN LAND CLEARING OPERATIONS, DOMESTIC TREE TRIMMING AND PRUNING, AND DOMESTIC GARDEN PREPARATION.

HOW TO OBTAIN A PERMIT:

*PERMITS ARE ISSUED BETWEEN 10:00A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. BURNING IS ALLOWED UNTIL 4:00 P.M.. A PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED AT THE LUDLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 574 CENTER STREET, LUDLOW. PERMITS ARE GOOD FOR THAT DAY, PERMITS ARE ONLY ISSUED WITH WEATHER PERMITTING. THERE IS NO FEE FOR PERMITS.

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN AIR BURNING PERMITS:

* BURNING PERIOD IS FROM JANUARY 15 TO MAY 1 (PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED ON MAY 1ST WEATHER PERMITTING)

* BURNING IS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. OF THE SAME DAY

* BURNING MUST BE AT LEAST 75 FEET FROM A DWELLING

* BURNING MUST TAKE PLACE ON THE LAND CLOSEST TO THE SOURCE OF THE MATERIAL TO BE BURNED

* BURNING MUST BE CONDUCTED DURING PERIODS OF GOOD ATMOSPHERIC VENTILATION AND WITHOUT CAUSING A NUISANCE AS DETERMINED BY D.E.P. AIR QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION

* HAVE AVAILABLE A WATER SUPPLY, SUCH AS A PRESSURIZED WATER PUMP CAN, A GARDEN HOSE, AND / OR SHOVELS AND RAKES FOR CONTROLLING THE FIRE

*THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS PROHIBITED STATEWIDE - GRASS, LEAVES, HAY, WHOLE TREES, STUMPS AND TIRES.