

# Prevent Forest Fires



*It is unlawful to...*

- Burn brush or other materials when the ground is not covered by snow without a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden.
- Burn in an outdoor fireplace without a fire permit.
- Kindle certain categories of fires between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. except when raining. When raining, a fire permit is still required. Please check with your local Forest Fire Warden to determine allowable burning times.
- Kindle a fire for any purpose on land of another without written permission of the owner or owner's agent and a written permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town, except in authorized recreational areas where suitable fireplaces are approved by the Forest Fire Warden.
- Fail to totally extinguish any fire before leaving it.
- Discard matches, cigarettes or other burning substances from vehicles or otherwise.
- Throw any flammable waste material on, near, or adjacent to a public highway or private way in or near woodlands.
- Fail to report a forest or brush fire or fail to respond to a Forest Fire Warden's call for assistance.

Violations of the law (RSA 227-L) are subject to the following penalties:

**Violation** - May be fined up to \$1,000

**Misdemeanor** - May be fined up to \$2,000 or  
imprisoned up to one year or both.

**Report all Fires to your Local Fire Department**

**Your Efforts to Help Protect our Woodlands are Appreciated**



Director, Division of Forests and Lands  
172 Pembroke Road, P.O. Box 1856  
Concord, NH 03302-1856  
Telephone (603) 271-2217  
[www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org)

# A Quick Guide To Open Burning

All burning must be conducted in accordance with state laws, state rules, local ordinances and under a "Permit To Kindle Fire" issued by the local Fire Warden or authorized agent.

## Materials Not Acceptable for Burning:

- Construction & demolition debris
- Tires
- Household trash
- Packaging materials
- Plastics
- Coated or laminated paper
- Coated or treated cardboard
- Oily rags
- Animal, vegetable and kitchen waste
- Used Oil, gasoline and hazardous waste
- Brush greater than 5 inches in diameter
- Any wood that has been painted/stained, glued, or treated in any way



## Materials Acceptable for Burning:

- Campfire wood
- Charcoal
- Clean pallets



## If generated on-site

- Brush (less than 5 inches in diameter)
- Clean lumber scraps (private single family residences only)

Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for questions about the state open burning laws and rules. For local fire permits and local open burning restrictions contact your local Fire Warden or authorized agent.



DES Air Resources Division  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03302  
603-271-1370