



Rules on Open Burning and Burn Permits

The information contained in this brochure has been taken from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Regulations Chapter 102: OPEN BURNING which can be found on-line at:
www.maine.gov/informe/municipal/burn.htm

The following types of burning are permitted as long as you have a Burn Permit:



1. Recreational campfires kindled when the ground is not covered in snow.
2. Fires in conjunction with holiday and festive celebration as long as the materials conform to item 5. of this section below.

3. Burning of solid or liquid fuels and structures for the purpose of research or bona fide instruction and training of ...volunteer firefighters...
4. Burning for agricultural purposes...
5. Out-of-door burning of wood wastes and painted* and unpainted wood from demolition in the open...
6. Open burning of leaves, brush, deadwood and tree cuttings...
7. Burning on site for the disposal of wood wastes and painted* and unpainted wood from construction and demolition debris...
8. Burning of vegetative growth for hazardous abatement purposes, such as, but not limited to, the burning of grass fields.
9. Burning for the containment or control of spills of gasoline, kerosene, heating oil or similar petroleum product.
10. The burning of wood wastes and painted* and unpainted wood from construction and demolition debris at solid waste facilities...
11. The burning of empty containers, including fiberboard boxes and paper bags, previously containing explosives and being disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Maine Revised Statutes Title 25, section 2472.
12. Explosives being disposed of under the direct supervision and control of the State Fire Marshal.
 - When burning painted wood, "a person engaged in any renovation, remodeling, maintenance or repair project involving lead-based paint ...shall take reasonable precautions to prevent the release of lead into the environment, including the clean-up, removal, and

appropriate disposal of all visible lead-based paint debris generated by the project."

The following types of burning are permitted without a Burn Permit as long as no nuisance is created:

1. Residential use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes such as preparing food.



2. Recreational campfires kindled when the ground is covered with snow or on frozen bodies of water.
3. Use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes such as preparing food at commercial campgrounds in organized towns ...

NOTE: Paper or cardboard may be burned as kindling only in amounts necessary to ensure ignition of fires pursuant to the rules stated previously..

Burning of trash or non-wood materials is prohibited! No burn-barrel burning.



