

Sample Open Air Burning Permit

Permit Number 20020031
Phone Number 508-248-1234

TOWN OF CHARLTON PERMIT FOR OPEN AIR FIRE

By authority of the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 48 of the General Laws and by authority of Chapter 1031 of the Acts of 1973 and in accordance with the regulation of the Central Massachusetts Air Pollution Control District as provided by Section 142D Chapter 111 permission to burn in the open air, tree branches, brush, cane, driftwood and forest debris is granted to:

John Doe of 123 Main St. Charlton MA 01507
on land situated at 123 Main St. Charlton MA 01507 on 01/17/2002.
Between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Must call daily for permission to burn 508-248-2299 menu option 7
Between 9 and noon.

1. The person holding this permit shall have sufficient manpower and fire controlling equipment available all during the fire.
2. This permit does not release the holder from any liability for damages.
3. This permit is valid until April 30th of the year it was issued.
4. No burning may be started before 10:00 AM and must be completely out by 4:00 PM of that day.
5. Smoke minimizing starter shall be used.
6. Shall not be left unattended at any time.
7. This permit fire shall not cause a nuisance.
8. This fire shall be on land proximate to the place of generation of such material, or at another place as specifically designated on the permit on controllable piles.
9. Permit is NOT valid for the burning or reduction by fire of any material NOT included in the first paragraph of this permit.
10. In case of heavy wind or otherwise dangerous conditions this permit shall be invalid.
11. This permit shall be shown to anyone who may request to see it.
12. This permit may be revoked by properly identified personnel authorized to enforce the above laws.

I have read and I understand the above requirement and restrictions and I agree to abide by them.

Permit issued to John Doe
Permit issued by Meskus, Curt
Signed by:

Open Air Burning Rules

Charlton Fire Department

Instructions to burn brush daily:

You must have a valid written permit for the current year.

You must obtain permission to burn brush daily from the fire department. Permission to burn brush is given between the hours of 09:00am & 12:00 noon only by calling 248-2299, after the attendant answers press 7.

The only time a permit is not necessary is when the fire is used for cooking purposes.

Materials allowed to be burned:

Brush debris from winter-fall. This includes small branches, limbs, driftwood and cane. Materials associated with agriculture: tree pruning, diseased beehives, fungus-infected elm, trees and brush from agricultural land clearing.

Materials that cannot be burned:

Tires, trash, hay, grass, leaves and stumps. Also burning of brush, trees, limbs, driftwood, cane and any other debris from commercial or industrial land clearing. Burning at landfills or refuse disposal areas is strictly prohibited.

Starting the fire:

Before placing materials to be burned, clean the area of all-loose debris and tall grass. Start the fire using a fuel like, kerosene or diesel fuel. **(Under no circumstances are you to use gasoline! Gas vapors can travel at ground level and explode.)** Store bought fireplace logs work well. Cut into them into 3 pieces and ignite, be patient.

After you have ignited the fire:

Someone must attend the fire until it is fully extinguished. Have an available water supply such as a hose, pump can, shovel and a rake to help assist in controlling the fire. Enough water must be present for complete extinguishment at all times.

Extinguishing the fire:

Burn the fire down to coals and cover with snow, water or sand. The fire must be completely extinguished before you leave it. Remember the fire must be extinguished by 4:00 PM, so plan to stop adding brush to your pile 1- hour prior.

Routine checks:

The fire department conducts routine checks of locations that have been given permission to burn. We will be looking for the above mentioned items and the permit to be on the person tending the fire. Occasionally the *State Forestry Patrol* also will check permits. Any persons found to be burning outside of the parameters of this permit may be subject to fines.

Additional information can be found at: www.mass.gov/dep/air/compliance/burning.htm