



TOWN OF HOPKINTON - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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2021 Open Burn Season

Massachusetts allows residents to burn brush between January 15 and May 1, depending on weather conditions and air quality. You must obtain permission from the **Hopkinton Fire Department** if you plan to open burn.

For the 2021 Open Burn Season, Hopkinton Fire Department has partnered with Full Circle Technologies to implement a new online Open Burn Permit system.

You can access the Open Burn Permit homepage directly by [clicking here](#), or find the link via the [Hopkinton Fire Department webpage](#). To bypass the instructions/information page and go directly to the application for a burn permit: [click here](#). **If you had a burn permit from a previous season, you must re-register in this new system. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirmation with additional information.

In accordance with State Law, open air burning season is from January 15th to May 1st annually. These dates are set by the [Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\)](#) with the objective of minimizing air quality impacts. The DEP will prohibit open air burning on days when adverse weather conditions are forecast.

The Permits are free of charge; but a permit is required to burn. You only need to apply/register for the permit itself once; although you then also need to request to burn on each particular day. You may REQUEST BURN only on the day you are burning, between the hours of 10am and 1pm. You cannot request for a future date. Your request to burn will be approved if the day is within the burning season and there are no restrictions on burning that day.

You must acknowledge the list of the rules and regulations for burning (part of the electronic application process), and additionally, that list will then be emailed to you as a link when you are issued your permit. The Fire Chief does have the right to not allow burning on a particular day, or end the burning season early depending on weather conditions. For more information related to the open air burning season, please contact us at 508-497-2323

Additional Resources

[Open Burning Guidance from the Mass Dept. of Fire Services](#)

[Safety Tips for Open Burning](#)

[Why Does MassDEP Prohibit Open Burning on "No Burn" Days?](#)