



Town of Bourne  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT REGARDING OPEN BURNING, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES.**

1. **THE DECISION TO BURN IS NOT MADE UNTIL 10:00 AM**

**THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 508-759-0600 ext. 2300 (NO VOICEMAILS)**

**\*\*A MESSAGE WILL STATE WHETHER THE STATE WILL BE ALLOWING BURING FOR THAT DAY\*\*  
\*\*THIS MESSAGE WILL CHANGE DAILY PLEASE CALL 10:00 AM OR AFTER\*\***

2. OPEN BURNING IS ALLOWED FROM JANUARY 15 THROUGH APRIL 30 FROM 10:00AM TO 4:00PM

**FIRE SHALL BE OUT BY 4:00PM**

**THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS ALLOWED TO BE BURNED:**

1. DOMESTIC TREE TRIMMINGS, PRUNINGS AND GARDEN PREPARTATION
2. COMMERCIAL TREE TRIMMINGS & PRUNING
3. MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING ACCESS WAYS
4. REMOVAL OF DRIFTWOOD FROM BEACH AND SHORE AREAS

**THE FOLLOWING IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE BURNED:**

1. GRASS, HAY, LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES
2. RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR COMMERCIAL LAND CLEARING FOR SITE OR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.
3. BURNING OF WHOLE TREES AND STUMPS
4. BURING OF MATERIAL OTHER THAN NATURAL WOOD
5. BURNING OF CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION MATERIALS

**OPEN BURNING MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH:**

1. WITHOUT CAUSING A NUISANCE
2. WITH SMOKE MIMIMIZING STARTERS
3. ON LAND PROXIMATE TO THE PLACE OF GENERATION OF SUCH MATERIAL OR AT A PLACE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED ON THE PERMIT
4. AT A LOCATION GREATER THAN 75' FROM ANY DWELLING
5. A WATER HOSE MUST BE AVAILABLE NEARBY, SHOULD IT BE NEEDED
6. A RESPONSIBLE PERSON MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES WHILE THE FIRE IS BURNING
7. **THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE BURNING SEASON & VERBAL AUTHORIZATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY PHONE EACH DAY (9:45 -11:00AM)**

OPEN BURNING WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS SPECIFIED ABOVE, AND UNDER ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT. **BURNING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED WHEN ADVERSE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS INCLUDE RAINY, FOGGY OR SNOWY DAYS WHEN THE SMOKE WOULD TEND TO STAY LOW ON THE GROUND; ALSO WIND and DRY CONDITIONS APPLY.** INFRACTIONS TO THE ABOVE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION OF THE PERMISSION TO BURN AND CANCELLATION OF OPEN BURING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE OPEN BURING SEASON FOR ANY VIOLATORS

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