

Burning (with a permit) of the following materials is ALLOWED:

- brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations between January 15 - May 1 under the following conditions:

- burning must be at least 75 feet from all dwellings,
- burning must be carried out between 10 AM and 4 PM, and
- burning must take place on land closest to the source of material to be burned.

- materials normally associated with the pursuit of agriculture, such as fruit tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches for pruning purposes, infected beehives for disease control.

- trees and brush resulting from agricultural land clearing.

- fungus-infected elmwood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available (disease-free brush is not an acceptable starting aid).

NO OPEN BURNING PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED for the burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris in the following communities:

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| Arlington | Lowell |
| Belmont | Malden |
| Boston | Medford |
| Brookline | New Bedford |
| Cambridge | Newton |
| Chelsea | |
| Chicopee | Somerville |
| Everett | Springfield |
| Fall River | Waltham |
| | Watertown |
| Holyoke | West Springfield |
| Lawrence | Worcester |

Permits are also required for the following activities:

- training or research in fire protection or prevention with specific approval by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- burning of Christmas trees from December 26 to January 7 of each year.
- one ceremonial bonfire each year to observe a municipal, state, or national event, under the supervision of the fire department.
- bonfires between July 2 and July 6, under supervision of the fire department.

Burning of the following materials is PROHIBITED statewide:

- brush, trees, cane, and driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
- grass, hay, leaves, and stumps.
- tires.

Also prohibited is:

- burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved sites.
- stacking, placing, or storing combustible material such that the Department may presume that it will be burned.

REMEMBER
Open Burning Causes Air Pollution