

Regulations Regarding Open Burning, 2009/2010 Season

To: Southbury Residents/Property Owners
Applying for Open Burning Permits

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The Office of the Fire Marshal issues or denies burning permits only after the following steps are taken:

1. Completion of the application form (EPAC rev. 3/02).
2. Payment of a \$10 fee for such application and permit. (No deposit of cash or checks will take place until after the burning official inspects the burning site and issues or denies the permit.)
3. Inspection of the site by the burning official. Inspection may reveal the need for certain conditions to be met for burning to take place.

The Connecticut General Statutes in Section 22a-174 and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Dept of Environmental Protection) require the following general conditions.

1. Only brush, 3" or less in diameter may be burned. (No Leaves, Stumps, Etc...)
2. The permittee/applicant must reside on the property where burning is to take place.
3. Burning must cease when directed by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief or their designees, or upon order of any official of the Connecticut DEP.
4. Burning should be complete and attempts to reduce excessive smoke should be taken.
5. Safety precautions must be taken. The area around the burning site/pile must be cleared to prevent fire spread, wetting down the surrounding area may be required, and a water hose must be on site for purposes of control.
6. The permit must be immediately available at the site during burning.
7. Burning may only be conducted between 10am and 5pm on a sunny or partly sunny day when the wind speed is between 5 and 15 mph.

The Southbury Fire Marshal's Office sets as a condition of every permit:

1. **PRIOR TO BURNING, the resident MUST call 262-0637 for final verbal approval for that day.**
2. Available water source must be on site (Garden hose, water buckets)
3. The permittee must be on site at all times burning takes place for purposes of site supervision. Unattended fires will result in revocation of the burning permit.
4. Upon complaint of neighbors concerning excessive smoke/smell, or by Fire Department Personnel concerning improper or unsafe burning, the fire will be ordered extinguished, the permit revoked and alternate means of disposal must be found.

PLEASE READ YOUR PERMIT.

Violations of conditions of Open Burning Permits or burning without a permit will subject to the permittee or person burning to revocation of issued permits, forfeiture of the ability to obtain future permits and/or arrest for violation of Connecticut General Statute 23-48 (as amended by PA 01-150), which could result in fine up to \$200 and/or up to 6 months imprisonment.