2022 OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS  JAN. 15 - MAY 1

CALL 911 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

WHO MAY BURN:
1. Those who have PERMISSION from the Fire Department.
2. Have a copy of the regulations, can come to the department or receive it by electronic means.
3. Call 508-430-7546 EXT. 4740, after 9:30 A.M for authorization on the day you intend to burn.
4. Leave your name and the address of where you are burning after the recording.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET:
1. Burning must be carried out between 10 AM and 4 PM.
2. Burning must be at least 75 feet from all dwelling units.
3. Burning must take place on land proximate to the source of material being burned.
4. When air quality is acceptable for burning.
5. During periods of good atmospheric ventilation without causing a nuisance.

WHAT MAY BE BURNED:
1. Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris up to 4 inches in diameter.
2. Fungus-infected Elmwood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available.
3. Material such as blueberry patches for pruning purposes, dead raspberry stalks, fruit pruning, and infected beehives for disease control normally associated with the pursuit of agriculture. Brush and trees resulting from agricultural land clearing. (Agricultural Burning Permit Only).

PROHIBITED:
1. Burning of grass, hay, leaves, and stumps.
2. Burning of construction debris.

HOW TO CONDUCT OPEN BURNING:
1. Someone must be in ATTENDANCE at all times.
2. A nearby water supply such as a pressurized water pump, can, or hose.
3. The fire must be completely out before the attendant leaves.
4. Shovels, rakes, etc. Must be on hand for control purposes.
5. Suitable starting procedures or materials such as a pressurized burner with paper or kindling.
6. FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS MAY NOT BE USED.
7. Cutting brush in advance and/or covering to enhance drying, removing grass from the areas before placing material in the area of burning.
8. Recommended methods of extinguishing the fire, such as burning down to coals, spreading with a shovel or rake, extinguishing with snow or water, covering with sand or soil.

Non-compliance with these regulations is subject to a fine up to $500 plus the cost of extinguishment or by imprisonment of not more than 1 month or both. (MGL Chap.48 Sec.13)