

Open Burning in Massachusetts: General Prohibitions

Under all circumstances the following is prohibited:

1. burning of brush, trees, cane and driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
2. burning of grass, hay, leaves and stumps,
3. burning of tires,
4. burning during adverse metrological conditions
5. burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved incinerators,
6. stacking, placing or storing combustible material such that the Department may presume that it will be burned.

Large piles that will not readily burn or are of such size that they will not be totally out by 4:00 p.m. are prohibited. Tree trunks and limbs greater than 4" in diameter are not considered brush.

Complaints about smoke, soot or ash deposits occurring in neighboring property are grounds for revocation of a permit.