

Hampstead, NH Seasonal Burning Permit

Permit #: 2012-_____

Permittee: _____

Landowner Name & Address: _____
(If different than permittee) (Print) (Signature) (Phone #)

Location of Fire: _____

PERMIT FOR: Category I _____ Category II _____ Category III _____

*** Refer to the synopsis on the next page for specific category requirements.
***No residential trash, treated wood, or material greater than 5" in diameter shall be burned at any time!

Seasonal Permits are valid for calendar year and must be renewed each year.

Caution: Permit summarily suspended: 1. If fire is kindled at unspecified date, time or place; 2. If weather is unfavorable or proclamation closing woodland is in force; 3. If help and equipment is inadequate to control fires; 4. If material not specified is burned. If fire escapes from control, you may be held liable for: 1. Payment of damage to property of another; 2. Payment of suppression costs to the town; 3. Prosecution for failure to comply with regulations. Burning under the authority of this permit will be valid only if it does not violate NH DES Air Resources regulations. NO FIRES SHALL BE LEFT UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT BEING COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED. A BURIED FIRE IS NOT CONSIDERED EXTINGUISHED.

Violation History	Date Of Violation	Issue By Who	Summary of Violation
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Permit will be revoked immediately for serious violations such as: burning chemicals, tires, pressure treated lumber, construction materials, stumps, logs over 5" diameter, etc.
Permit will be revoked after three minor violations such as: failure to notify the fire dept, burning at unapproved time of day, unattended fires, etc.

I, the undersigned permittee, am 18 years of age or older and understand the law, regulations and my responsibility under the terms of this seasonal permit.

Signature of Permittee:	_____
Signature of Fire Warden or Designee:	_____
Date:	_____

If wishing to burn call (603) 329-6006. Leave a message on the machine or with a HFD member with your Permit # and address. If burning is not allowed the message will state such. Please call by 5:00 pm on the day you wish to burn and the call is only good for that single day and state the category that you will be burning.

Please call the station if you have any questions. The station is staffed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of Resources and Economic Development
Division of Forests and Lands
Forest Protection Bureau

Synopsis of Fire Permit Laws and Administrative Rules - Hampstead Fire Department

Permission - No person shall kindle a fire upon the land of another without written permission from the owner, agent or caretaker thereof.

Permits – No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material, and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire on a public dump, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining the written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless it is in the presence of the warden or the warden's agent. The State Forester may make and adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to give effect to the provision, and he shall prepare all state permits issued by Forest Fire Wardens, or his agent.

Liability – Any person, firm or corporation causing or kindling a fire without a permit, when a permit is required, and also any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall be caused, is liable to the town for all expenses incurred in attending or extinguishing such fire. Every person who shall set fire on any land that shall run upon the land of another shall pay the owner all damages done by such fire.

Category I Fire – means a small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 2' in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace.

Category II Fire – means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4' in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. A category II fire, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 am unless it is actually raining.

Category III Fire – means any other fire, not a category I or category II fire or a fire greater than 4' in diameter or a fire not contained within a ring of resistive material. A category III fire, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 am unless it is actually raining.

Category I or Category II Fires – When written permission has been obtained from the landowner, and a written permit from the Forest Fire Warden, or his agent, category I or category II fires may be kindled in fireplaces, at suitable times and in suitable places where they will not endanger woodlands. Category I and II fires must be kindled in an approved device or enclosed by a fire ring. Upon failure to totally extinguish such fires, the parties responsible are subject to the same liabilities and penalties as are prescribed for other fires.

Penalty – For kindling a fire in woodlands of another without written permission of the owner, or for kindling any fire without a written permit when a permit is required, a person may be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$2,000.00, and/or imprisoned for a period of up to 1 year.