

Open Burning Rules in Sharon, MA

- 1. Open burning is conducted in accordance with Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR 7.07.**
- 2. Open Burning Season is January 15th through May 1st. You must have a permit issued from the fire department for EACH DAY you would like to burn.**
- 3. Burning Permits are issued on a DAILY basis and you can visit the Town website and go to the fire department page: <https://www.townofsharon.net/fire-department> In the upper left corner click on “Open Burning Permit” link and follow the instructions. You can also come to the fire station during normal business hours to apply for a permit. Once you apply for the permit you will call the station each day you would like to conduct open burning at 781-784-1522 and give them your name and address.**
- 4. NO fires may be started after 1:00 pm on any day.**
- 5. Fires may be started at 10:00 am and must be EXTINGUISHED by 4:00 pm.**
- 6. Fires must be at least 75 feet from any dwelling.**
- 7. Fires MUST be ATTENDED by an ADULT at ALL TIMES!!**
- 8. You may only burn brush (less than 4 inches in diameter). You may NOT burn grass, leaves, stumps or construction debris.**
- 9. A water supply must be available. A garden hose is preferred but if it is not possible due to the location or severely cold weather, a 5 gallon pail of water is sufficient.**
- 10. A ten (10) foot area around the fire must be kept clear of any combustibles (leaves, brush, etc.).**
- 11. THE USE OF GASOLINE IS PROHIBITED! A small amount of charcoal lighter fluid may be used with a small amount of newspaper and small dry brush branches to help start the fire.**
- 12. The fire department must be notified immediately via 911 if the fire gets out of your control. Do not wait to contact us because you think you can put it out yourself.**
- 13. The fire department will periodically inspect all permitted burning. If any of the above criteria are not met the fire will be extinguished and you will not be allowed to burn for the remainder of this year’s burning season.**