



**TOWN OF LEICESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**OPEN BURNING APPLICATION**

**Massachusetts Open Burning Dates January 15th to May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Burn Pile

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Permit Fee \$ 15.00 Paid: Y / N

I have read and understand the Massachusetts Open Burning Regulations:  Yes

**Massachusetts Open Burning Regulations**

**Permits Are Required:** Get a permit from the local fire department. Fire wardens determine when it is safe to conduct open burning on a daily basis. Weather conditions change rapidly, especially in the spring. Permits can be rescinded if conditions change suddenly, making it unsafe to burn. According to Department of Environmental Protection regulation (310 CMR DEP 7.07), open burning must: be a minimum of 75 feet from all buildings; be conducted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from January 15 to May 1; and take place on the land closest to the source of material to be burned.

**Only Certain Materials Can Be Burned** • Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations. • Agricultural materials such as fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, and infected bee hives for disease control. • Trees and brush resulting from agricultural land clearing. • Fungus infected elm wood, if no other acceptable means of disposal is available.

**Burning Leaves and Other Materials is Prohibited** • Brush, trees, cane and driftwood from commercial and/or industrial land clearing operations. • Grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and tires. • Construction material and debris.