



GOFFSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL BURNING RULES & PERMIT REGULATIONS

Burning Permit Information

1. A written permit is required, per NH [RSA 227-L:17](#) , in order to burn clean, ordinary combustibles such as: brush, untreated or unpainted lumber, or to have a camp or cooking fire in the state of New Hampshire. This includes portable fireplaces and chimineas.
2. Burning permits are issued during periods when the current Fire Danger Classification is no higher than “**Low Class 3**”. As determined by the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands.
3. Burning Permits are issued daily *after 3 PM* at the following stations: Church Street Fire Station 18 Church St. and Pinardville Fire Station 656 Mast Road.
4. The requestor must be:
 - a. 18 years of age or older in order to obtain and monitor the burning permit.
 - b. The owner of the property or have a signed letter from the property owner authorizing the requestor to burn on that property.
5. A Burning Permit is only valid for the date and time indicated on the official permit. *Only exception is while it is **actively** raining.*
6. Burning Permits are not necessary when sufficient snow covers the ground.
7. Seasonal Permits are available for Category 1 & 2 type fires (cooking & campfires) . All sites must be inspected and approved prior to issuance. These permits are issued annually.
8. The Goffstown Fire Department reserves the right to inspect any and all fire permits at any time.
9. The Goffstown Fire Department reserves the right to rescind any fire permit at any time.

General Rules for Outdoor Burning

1. Only natural materials can be burned.
2. Materials such as: tires, furniture, oils, construction debris, pressure treated woods, painted wood, paints, thinners, gasoline and other flammable liquids, leaves, grass, stumps or domestic trash can not be burned.
3. The use of any accelerants is extremely dangerous and **strictly prohibited** at all times.
4. Burning in barrels is not permitted. This is considered an incinerator per state RSA.
5. Brush, logs, and limbs to be burned can not exceed 5 inches in diameter.
6. Burning can not take place within 50 feet of any structure, roadway, fence or any other hazardous location.
7. There shall be at least 8 feet clear space above the burn area.
8. All burn piles must be kept small. No more than 4 feet high and less than 4 feet round. If there is a lot of material to burn. Start a single burn pile and feed it from a separate pile slowly.
9. No fire shall be left unattended at any time.
10. There shall be a reliable and sufficient water supply on site at all times during any burning operation.
11. All fires must be fully extinguished by midnight. Burying a fire does not constitute extinguishment.

It is the responsibility of the person named on the permit to assure compliance with the rules and requirements listed above. The privilege to kindle an outdoor fire in the Town of Goffstown can be rescinded for non compliance. Please note that the permit can also be revoked if it is determined to be a nuisance to others.