



RULES ON OPEN BURNING AND BURN PERMITS

The information contained on this page has been taken from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Regulations Chapter 102: Open Burning which may be found on line at: www.maine.gov/informe/municipal/burn.htm



The following types of burning are permitted as long as a burn permit has been granted

1. Recreational campfires kindled when the ground is not covered in snow.
2. Fires in conjunction with holiday and festive celebration.
3. Burning of solid or liquid fuels and structures for the purpose of research or bona fide instruction and training of firefighters.
4. Burning for agricultural purposes.
5. Out-of-door burning of wood wastes and painted and unpainted wood from demolition in the open. (When burning painted wood, "a person engaged in any renovation, remodeling, maintenance or repair project involving lead-based paint shall take reasonable precautions to prevent the release of lead into the environment, including the clean-up, removal, and appropriate disposal of all visible lead-based paint debris.)
6. Open burning of leaves, brush, dead wood and tree cuttings.
7. Burning on site for the disposal of wood wastes and painted and unpainted wood from construction and demolition debris.
8. Burning of vegetative growth for hazardous abatement purposes, such as, but not limited to, the burning of grass fields.

9. Burning for the containment or control of spills of gasoline, kerosene, heating oil or similar petroleum product. (Accomplished only by Fire Department with DEP approval)
10. The burning of wood wastes and painted and unpainted wood from construction and demolition at solid waste facilities.
11. The burning of empty containers, including fiberboard boxes and paper bags, previously containing explosives and being disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Maine Revised Statutes Title 25, section 2472.
12. Explosives being disposed of under the direct supervision and control of the State Fire Marshal.

The following types of burning are permitted without a burn permit as long as no nuisance is created:

1. Residential use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes such as preparing food or warming fires.
2. Recreational campfires when kindled when the ground is covered with snow or on frozen bodies of water.
3. Use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes such as preparing food at commercial campgrounds.

Note: Paper or cardboard may be burned as kindling only in amounts necessary to ensure ignition of fires pursuant to the rules stated previously

Burning of trash or non-wood materials is prohibited!

BURN BARREL BURNING is PROHIBITED!!!!!!

**Before you burn -
may see if burning**



**Check the weather. You
may be permissible at:**

<http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/firedanger/fire.shtml>



Kittery is in Zone 1



Class 1: Low fire danger

Class 2: Moderate fire danger

Class 3: High fire danger

Class 4: Very high fire danger

Class 5: Extreme fire danger

Burning permits will only be issued on a Class 1 or 2 day

Permits are available beginning at 9:00 am daily from the Kittery Dispatch Center, located at the Kittery Police Department 200 Rogers Road, Kittery.

There is no cost for a locally issued burn permit. The Maine Forest Service On-Line permit is not applicable to Kittery.

Burning hours are as followed:

Monday thru Friday: 5:00 pm until Midnight

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: 9:00 am to Midnight

All fires must be completely extinguished by Midnight.

Construction burn permits are given at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designated representative.

Locally issued burn permits are only good for the day on which they are issued. A new permit is required for each day of burning.

A fire permit may be revoked for the following reasons:

When in the determination of the Fire Chief or his designated representative the open burning is causing a nuisance condition.

When permit conditions are not followed.

When weather conditions change to create a burning hazard.

Permitted or not – The person who started the fire is responsible for any and all damage caused by that fire.

The Town of Kittery follows the State of Maine laws pertaining to fireworks. The recreational use of fireworks should be avoided on Class 3 and above fire danger days.