



CITY OF GARDINER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



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OPEN BURNING

1. OPEN FIRES

When not prohibited by State Statute, Municipal, or NFPA 1, the following types of burning is permissible if a permit has been obtained from the Gardiner Fire Department, so long as the burning is conducted according to the terms and conditions of such permit and provided no nuisance is created.

- Open burning of brush, deadwood, and tree cuttings accrued from normal property maintenance by the individual landowner or lessee of the land unless expressly prohibited by municipal ordinance.
- Only clean wood can be burned.
- Burning for agricultural purposes which include but are not limited to open burning of blueberry fields, potato tops, hay fields, and prescribed burning for timberland management.
- Campfires for the purpose of warming and/or cooking.
- Any permit requests for other burning, such as building debris, shall be inspected on-site by a Chief Officer prior to permit being issued.

2. REQUIREMENTS

- Permitted fires shall be no less than 50 ft. (15m) from any structure.
- Permitted fires shall be no less than 25ft. (7.6m) from any public way.
- Conditions that could lead to the spread of a fire within 25ft. (7.6m) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Burning hours shall be determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).
- Open fires and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
- The open burning site shall be clear of overhead vegetation.
- When there is a dry spell or weather conditions that could affect open burning, the AHJ will have the authority to cancel all open burning.

3. UNPERMITTED BURNING

- No permit is required for the use of a gas grill, charcoal grill, or hibachi. Grills will not be used in an area where there is a roof or floor above it and shall be spaced a minimum of 10ft. away from any combustibles. They will not be located in the path of egresses or exit ways.
- No permit is required for the use of recreational campfires kindled when the ground is covered by snow.
- No permit is required for the use of outside fireplaces and or fire pits as long as they meet the requirements for open burning.

4. PROHIBITED

Prohibited items include but are not limited to:

- Tires
- Rubber products
- Tar
- Paint or solvents sludge
- Asphalt shingles
- Rubbish or refuse
- Garbage
- Paper, cardboard or wooden boxes
- Leaves
- Wire insulation
- Animal remains

Fires that create a nuisance or are considered dangerous by the fire department staff will be extinguished and the permit for that day revoked.