



HAMPTON FALLS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
3 DRINKWATER ROAD
HAMPTON FALLS, N.H.
03844

Q & A on how to obtain a Brush Burning Permit (no cost):

Q: How big can the brush pile be?

A: Brush piles should be of a manageable size (about the size of what fits in the back of a full size pick-up truck). Larger "feeder piles" are acceptable to be constructed.

Q: Are there restrictions on what can be burned?

A: Acceptable items include: clean, untreated wood (no paint or pressure treated), brush, and limbs up to five inches in diameter (If you can put your hands around the stick and touch your thumbs and middle fingers together = 5" or.

A: Unacceptable items include: any plastics, tires, rubbish and large amounts of leaves. **If the fire is declared a nuisance, it will be extinguished by the fire department.**

Q: Where should the brush pile be constructed?

A: Brush piles should be constructed a minimum of 50 feet from all structures.

Q: Is a permit required?

A: **All outside fires**, that are not gas grills or charcoal barbecues, require a permit regardless of time of year or weather conditions. Permits are only good for the day of issue.

Q: What does it cost?

A: Free for paper permits issued by Warden or Deputy Warden ...online permits via NH Forest and Lands cost \$3.00

Q: How are fire permits obtained?

A: Call the Hampton Falls Fire Department answering machine at 926-5752. Leave your name, phone number, and address of the fire. The Warden or a Deputy Warden will come to inspect the pile around 4:00 PM.

Q: What time can the fire be started?

A: After the pile has been inspected, and a permit is obtained, fires are permitted to start after 5:00 PM. All fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished by the following morning at 9:00 AM. Fires are considered extinguished when the ashes are cold. Buried fires are **not** considered extinguished.

Q: Can burning be done at other times?

A: After obtaining a permit, burning is allowed if there is snow on the ground or if it is raining. If windshield wipers are required drive safely, it is raining, but if the rain stops the fire must be extinguished and started after 5:00 PM.

Q: What is needed for fire control?

A: A garden hose attached to a faucet, and a shovel or metal rake. It is recommended that more than one person attend the fire. If the fire escapes your control, you are liable for the cost of extinguishment.

Other laws and requirements may apply; contact the Hampton Falls Fire Dept at 926-5752 for further information.