



## Town of Somers Open Burning Guidelines

- 1.) Burn Permits shall be issued for a \$25.00 fee and is nonrefundable
- 2.) Burn Permits shall be valid for entire burning season (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>).
- 3.) Fees for Burn Permits shall be made prior to the issuing of Burn Permit.
  - A.) Checks shall be accepted at the Somers Fire Department and Somers Town Hall Treasurer's Office.
  - B.) Cash will only be accepted at the Somers Town Hall Land Use Office. Receipt will be issued from Town Hall and must be presented prior to the issuing of burn permit.
  - C.) If a violation is found after permit is granted, permit may be revoked for a minimum of 10 days and \$25.00 fee will need to be paid to reinstate permit.
- 4.) The burn must be on the applicant's **RESIDENTIAL** property.
- 5.) The permit is good for **BRUSH ONLY**, three inches or less in diameter. No building materials, tires, paper, leaves, trash, pallets, etc.
- 6.) This permit is **not** intended for clearing of land or lot cleanup.
- 7.) The pile(s) should be of reasonable size. The size of a car is a good example.
- 8.) All burn sites will be inspected by one of the Somers Fire Department open burning officials. Inspections will **ONLY** be done Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.
- 9.) Hours of burning are between **10am – 5pm**, within the date range of the permit.
- 10.) The fire must be extinguished by **5pm**.
- 11.) **You must call DEP @ 860-424-3929 or go to their website:**  
<http://www.ct.gov/Dep/site/default.asp> - to see if burning is allowed for that day.
- 12.) **Burning is only allowed on LOW or MODERATE days.**
- 13.) The burn must be attended at all times.
- 14.) You **MUST** have a water source, such as a garden hose or extinguisher at the burn site sufficient to extinguish the fire.
- 15.) The burn pile must be a safe distance from any structure or wooded area (approximately one-hundred feet).
- 16.) Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning.
- 17.) If your burn gets out of control, immediately call 911 for assistance.
- 18.) Violation of any of these rules will result in the loss of current and future burn permits.
- 19.) Burn Permits are revocable at anytime and for any reason.

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