

Camp Fire/ Brush Permits

“**Open Burning**” means the burning of any material wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed container.

A **Category I Fire** is a camp or cooking fire **no greater than 2 ft.** in diameter contained within a **fire resistive ring**. A Category I fire must be at least 25' from structures. This would also include commercially made fire pits, chimneas and outdoor fireplaces. These fires may be kindled at any time, conditions permitting. Seasonal permits available.

A **Category II Fire** is a camp or cooking fire **no greater than 4 ft.** in diameter contained within a **fire resistive ring**. A Category II or greater fire must be at least 50' from structures. These fires may only be kindled between the hours of 5:00 pm and 12:00 am, unless it is actively raining or the ground is snow covered. Seasonal permits available.

A **Category III Fire** means any other fire that is **greater than 4 ft.** in diameter or not contained in a fire resistive ring, such as an open brush/debris pile fire. These fires may only be kindled between the hours of 5:00 pm and 12:00 am, unless it is actively raining or the ground is snow covered. No Seasonal permits. A new permit is required for each day of burning.

Abbreviated Rules- (Complete Rules are covered under RSA 227-L:17 and Res 5600)

The permittee must be at least 18 years old and the legal landowner, or have the landowner's **written** approval. The written approval must be submitted to receive a permit.

Brush and wood **cannot exceed 5 inches** in diameter. No household waste, treated wood or composite materials may be burned. Only clean, untreated and non-contaminated wood may be burned. No construction debris may be burned.

No accelerants, tires, or tubes are to be used in the material being burned.

All open fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. A buried fire is not considered extinguished. “**Completely extinguished**” means to be extinguished so that it emits no smoke, heat, or flame.

Permittee must have proper suppression equipment to maintain control of the fire at all times.

Incinerator permits are no longer allowed, per RSA 125-N.

Permits shall be obtained in person at the Pittsfield Fire *Department* at 33 Catamount Road from the Forest Fire Warden, a Deputy Forest Fire Wardens, or authorized Issuing Agent. Permits cannot be issued over the telephone. The applicant should be prepared to show photo identification. Permits are only issued under favorable weather conditions. If you should have any questions or concerns, please check the “[Commonly Asked Questions](#)” page, stop by the Fire Station, or call 435-6807 to speak with a Forest Fire Warden or an Issuing Agent.