

Procedure for Residential Open Burn Permits

Permit Procedure

1. Obtain a Residential Open Burn Permit Application from the Building Department, Town Hall Annex, 24 School Road or from the Town of Weston website:
www.westonct.gov – Permits and Regulations on toolbar – Miscellaneous Permits
2. Complete the application and deliver it to:
John Pokorny, Town of Weston Open Burning Official (203) 222-2672
Via mail: 56 Norfield Road, P.O.Box 1007, Weston CT 06883
Via fax: 203-222-2670
Via email: jpokorny@westonct.gov
3. Applicant will be notified by telephone when the completed permit is ready for pick up at the Weston Building Department, Town Hall Annex, 24 School Road. Building Department business hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Allow up to 10 days for processing.

On the day that you burn

- **Call the Weston Communications Center (203) 222-2600 to verify that the state mandated environmental conditions (fire index, air quality etc) are acceptable for burning.**
- **Resident must have a signed permit that has not expired on site while burning. There are no exceptions to this requirement.**

Campfires and Bonfires on Residential Property

Campfires and bonfires (that do not cause a nuisance) do not require residential open burning permits; however, the resident must call the communications center (203) 222-2600 to inform them of the burn.

Penalty for Burning without Permit

Sec. 23-48. Kindling fire in the open. Penalty. Any person who kindles or directs another to kindle a fire in the open air, without proper authorization from state or local authorities or any person who burns material that are prohibited from being burned by any provision of the general statutes, regulation of the state or local ordinance, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

**LOCAL OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL
APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR OPEN BURNING OF
BRUSH ONLY ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
WESTON, CT**

1. This is a valid permit only when signed by the Local Open Burning Official.
2. The permit does not relieve the permittee of any legal liability, which may be incurred as a result of the fire.
3. Failure to adhere to the conditions of the permit may result in penalties and/or other enforcement actions.

THIS PERMIT IS *NOT VALID*
UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- When national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded;
- Where a hazardous health condition might be created;
- When the Air Quality Index (AQI) is forecast to be 75 or higher anywhere in the state;
- When the Forest Fire Danger Index is high, very high, or extreme; and where woodland or grass land is within one hundred feet of the proposed burn;
- When there is an advisory from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner of any air pollution episode;
- Burning of any material other than brush;
- On property other than residential property upon which the permittee resides.

I DECLARE I AM A RESIDENT OF THE BELOW ADDRESS AND THAT I WILL ABIDE BY ALL OF THE CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT.

RESIDENT NAME:	RESIDENT SIGNATURE:	RESIDENT EMAIL:
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RESIDENT ADDRESS WHERE BURNING WILL OCCUR:	HOME PHONE:
	CELL PHONE:

APPLICANT: DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

GENERAL CONDITIONS: APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open burning is limited to the burning of brush up to 3" in diameter, on residential property upon which the permittee resides and is subject to all of the requirements above. The maximum size burn pile is 6'x6'x6'. Burning of leaves is prohibited. 2. Burning must cease if so directed by any member of the Town Fire Marshal's Office, any Officer of the Fire Department or any Official of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. 3. All reasonable measures to assure complete combustion and reduce excessive smoke are to be taken. 4. All reasonable safety precautions are to be taken, including the cleaning of grass, leaves, trees and other flammables in the burn area, wetting down of the surrounding area, and the placement of fire extinguishers, hose lines, rakes and shovels. 5. This permit must be immediately available on site during the burn. 6. Burning may only be conducted between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on a sunny or partly sunny day with the wind speed between five and fifteen miles per hour. 7. Violation of the terms and conditions of this permit may cause the forfeiture of your ability to qualify for a permit in the future.
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS: APPLICABLE IF CHECKED	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Burning may be initiated only in the presence of the Open Burning Official.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A fire crew and appropriate apparatus must be stationed at the burning site.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Burning may not take place when the wind is from the _____ direction.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burning is authorized only between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final verbal approval must also be obtained on the day of and prior to the burning by calling 203-222-2600</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burning must be conducted between the following dates: From: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions:</p>
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This application is denied for the following reason(s):

This permit is granted subject to each and every condition indicated above to burn only brush at the resident's address above.

LOCAL OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL'S NAME: John C. Pokorny	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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