

TOWN OF CENTER HARBOR BURN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

These rules are being provided as a courtesy of the Town of Center Harbor, they are not meant to be all-inclusive. For more detail consult RSA 227-L or your permit.

1. You must be at least 18 year of age, the legal landowner or have the landowner's **written permission** to obtain a valid burn permit for all outside fires kindled in the Town of Center Harbor.
2. To obtain a valid **Seasonal Permit** for Category 1 and/or Category 2 type fires, you must:
 - Category 1 – A burn pit not to exceed 2 ft., fully enclosed with a ring and must be 25 ft. from all structures. This type permit may be kindled any time during the day when conditions allow.
 - Category 2 – A burn pit not to exceed 4 ft., fully enclosed with a ring and must be 50 ft. from all structures. This type of permit is only valid between the hours of 5 p.m. and 12 midnight when conditions allow.
 - Seasonal Burn Permits will be inspected by the Center Harbor Fire Department yearly, or when the burn pit is moved, changed in size, or when the Town Forest Fire Warden or his designee deems it necessary.
 - Category 3 permits may be issued for up to 3 days if conditions allow and are only valid between the hours of 5 p.m. and 12 midnight and must be 50 ft. from all structures.
3. For all permits the following apply:
 - a. Only clean, untreated and non-contaminated wood may be burned. (NO construction debris, composite materials, paper, household waste, rubber, plastic, pressure treated or painted wood, etc.) Per RSA 125-N.
 - b. Brush and wood cannot exceed 5 inches in diameter.
 - c. No use of accelerants (gasoline, oil, etc.) to start the fire
 - d. Proper fire extinguishing equipment must be on hand to maintain control of the fire at all times
 - e. The fire must be constantly attended until extinguished
 - f. The fire must be completely extinguished (no smoke, heat or flames) prior to you abandoning the area. A buried fire is not considered extinguished.
 - g. Keep all fires small and under control. If your fire causes any property damage, you will be responsible for the cost of the firefighting effort as well as being held liable for the damage that occurs.
 - h. You are allowed to burn between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. if it is raining. If it stops raining during your burn, you must extinguish the fire immediately and wait until 5 pm to continue.
4. If the fire department is called to investigate your fire, you may be ordered to extinguish or darken down the fire. If you are found to be in violation of any of the parameters of your permit according to RSA 227-L, your permit may be revoked. Also, if an abutter calls because the smoke is traveling onto their property and causes a nuisance, you may be asked to extinguish the fire (State of NH Dept. of Air Resources Rules)

Per New Hampshire state law Burn Permits are not required when the ground is covered with snow 100 ft. around the burn pile and you may burn between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

In the town of Center Harbor we ask that you contact the Fire Department during the hours of 8 am and 4 pm to let us know that you will be conducting a burn, this will ensure that we will not have to send a full response for calls we may receive regarding your burn from a passerby or neighbor.

You may call (253-4451) or stop by the Central Fire Station at 36 Main Street to advise us that you will be conducting a burn or with any questions.

Thank you,
Chief Leon Manville
Fire Chief/Town Forest Fire Warden