



TOWN OF CAVENDISH INFORMATION REGARDING OPEN BURNING

As per State Statute VSA T10 §565 and the Town of Cavendish Solid Waste Ordinance, **specific written permit may be granted by the Fire Warden** of the Town of Cavendish or his designee for the open burning of yard and garden debris including: trees, stumps, brush, untreated wood, lawn clippings and leaves. Such permit shall be granted provided that the Fire Warden is satisfied that no hazardous condition will be created by such burning and the emission of air contaminants will not create a danger to the health and property of the citizens of the Town of Cavendish. Permits which are issued under the provisions of the Town of Cavendish Solid Waste ordinance shall be only for a specified date and time and location and only for the burning of specified materials.

It is illegal by State statute to burn: plastic, garbage, paper and cardboard; tires and other rubber products; treated, painted or finished wood; tarpaper; asphalt shingles.

When snow is covering the ground, trees, stumps, brush, leaves and untreated wood may be burned without a permit provided such burning is done in such a way as to not endanger persons or property.

Burning as permitted by the Town of Cavendish Solid Waste Ordinance shall be attended at all times and such fires shall be allowed to die out or be extinguished before sunset.

General Rules and Information about a Fire Warden's Permit for an Open Burn

- \$ A permit to burn is required except when the ground is snow covered.
- \$ Permits are valid only for the place and time stated.
- \$ Permits in no way relieve the person to whom it is granted from any liability related to the fire or any damages it might cause.
- \$ The person setting the fire must at all times have sufficient help and tools present to control the fire.
- \$ Only natural wood material may be burned under such permits. Other materials burned require a State Air Pollution permit as well as this permit.
- \$ The fire must not be left until it is entirely extinguished.
- \$ Restricted materials cannot be used to ignite natural wood materials.
- \$ Any special conditions written on an issued permit are to be considered as part of "conditions to burn".
- \$ If any permit condition is not followed, then the permit is immediately invalid and you will be burning illegally.
- \$ Violation of the conditions of a permit to burn may result in the permittee receiving a "Vermont Fire Prevention Ticket" which will result in court action and a fine for each day of violation.
- \$ If you do not understand the law or have further questions, contact your local forest fire warden before any burn. A permit may be canceled for cause at any time.
- \$ If a controlled fire escapes, immediately call 911

Cavendish Fire Warden and Important Telephone Numbers

Cavendish Fire Warden - Chris Marks	802-558-0308, 802-226-7180
Assistant to the Fire Warden - Robert Glidden	802-558-4321
Assistant to the Fire Warden - Raymond Fitzgibbons	802-226-7288