

Rochester Fire Department

Burning, Burning Permits & Cook Fires	ISSUE DATE: 1/8/15
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/8/15
	REVISION DATE: 1/15/15

I. POLICY

1. Residential open burning season is from January 15th to May 1st. These dates are state regulated and there are no exceptions. Agricultural burning is year-round.
2. The daily hours for Residential burning are 10am to 4pm. The daily hours for Agricultural burning are 8am-4pm. All fires must be out by 4.
3. Residential open burning permits are issued and renewed by the fire department.
4. Agricultural burning permits are primarily issued by the fire department
5. Burning permits must be renewed every year on the date of issue.
6. Burning permits are called in to 508-763-2611 option #2.

II. COOK FIRE

1. Those wishing to have a cook fire do not have to call and advise us, however we appreciate the call and ask them to do so as a courtesy.
2. A cook fire is allowed any time of day, it is the request of the Fire Department that they be out by midnight.
3. If there is a burning ban in effect, that also includes cook fires.

III. AGRICULTURAL BURNING PERMITS

1. The initial issue of an Agricultural Burning Permit is issued by the Fire Department.
2. Agricultural burning will only be issued to those that have land that is classified as 60, 61, 61a, and 61b.
3. Agricultural burning is year-round from 8am-4pm.
4. During normal burning season they are advised to call in on the recording. During non-burning season they must call in to the fire department to advise they are going to burn, at 508-763-1709.