



## **Holden Fire Department 2024 Open Brush Burn**



**Brush Burn permits are available from January 15, 2024 through May 1, 2024 by purchasing online or in person. If applying in person, please have exact cash or check made out to Town of Holden. Seasonal permit fee is \$20**



1. Permit holder must activate permit each time they burn by calling Holden Fire **Brush Burn at 1-855-937-0555**.
2. The permit holder shall have sufficient fire controlling equipment available during the entire fire. The permit holder shall be liable for fire department costs in the event of loss of control of the permitted fire.
3. Open burning begins at 10:00am and shall be completely extinguished and put out by 4:00pm the same day.
4. This permit does not release the holder from any liability for damage.
5. In case of winds of excess of 15 miles per hour, or otherwise dangerous conditions, this permit shall be invalid. Open burning is only valid for days the Town of Holden Fire Department and Department of Environmental Protection allow burning. Refer to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 48, Section 13 regarding open air burning state regulations.
6. No burning: trash, leaves, construction materials, stumps, hay, grass, flammable materials, household & yard waste, petroleum products, milled lumber, weather treated/painted materials, stumps or branches in excess of 4 inches in diameter.
7. This permit is not valid for lot or land clearing.
8. Open brush burning shall be on land approximate to the place of generation of such material, and no closer than 75 feet to a building.
9. Smoke minimizing starter shall be used.
10. The open brush fire shall not be left unattended at any time nor cause a public nuisance.
11. This permit shall be shown to anyone who may request to see it.
12. Periodic spot checks will be conducted. This permit may be revoked by properly identified persons authorized to enforce the above laws.

## Instructions to purchase online permits as of January 15<sup>th</sup>

- Go to [www.holdenma.gov](http://www.holdenma.gov)
- Choose Government (on top bar) & go to Fire Department
- On the Fire Department web left side links click *Open Brush Burning*
- Go to “Buy a \$20 permit online here” hyperlink
- You will be directed to UniPay where you ***must purchase the permit first (1. Pay Your Permit Fee)***. Permits can be paid with credit card or checking account. You will receive a confirmation #. The confirmation number is required to apply for your permit (2. Apply For Your Permit).
- Under *Apply For Your Permit*, “click here” to create account.

The phone number you use to create an account will be used as the reference to your burn permit.

Once you create an account on the brush burn system it is used every year to renew online. A new account is not required every season.

- You will be directed to **Town of Holden Burn Permits** page. Click yellow button Create Account. You now have a permit!

You must activate your brush burn permit EACH day you burn by calling **1-855-937-0555**