



## HOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

1370 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520

Russell Hall, Fire Chief

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# 2021 Open Brush Burn

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 48, Section 13.

Due to Covid-19, the Holden Fire Department is closed to the public. However, you can apply for a permit 3 ways!

1. Most convenient is apply & pay online using this website <https://holden.burnpermits.com>
  2. Apply & pay for permit by calling Fire Administration at 508-210-5650 ext 0. Using our secure website, we accept credit cards for payment.
  3. In lobby of the Public Safety Building, fill out application and leave application with \$20 fee in envelope and put in mailbox. Contact Fire Administration (508-210-5650 X0) when application is ready. It may take up to a day to receive/process the permit. Permits are processed Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:00. If you want to burn on the weekends, make sure you apply and pay for a permit during the week.
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## REGULATIONS

1. Brush Burn permits are available from January 15, 2020 through May 1, 2021. The fee is \$20 exact cash or check made out to Town of Holden.
2. Permit holder must activate permit before 10:15am each day they burn by calling Holden Fire **Brush Burn at 1-855-937-0555**.
3. 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.
4. Open burning begins at 10:00am and shall be completely extinguished and put out by 4:00pm the same day.
5. This permit does not release the holder from any liability for damage.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. This permit is not valid for lot or land clearing.
9. 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.
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.