



TEMPLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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RULES FOR OPEN BURNING **AGRICULTURAL**

- 1.) Permission to burn must be obtained on a daily basis by calling (978) 939-5638.
No calls will be accepted before 7:00 A.M.
- 2.) Burning for agricultural purposes is allowed all year if weather conditions permit. Hours for open burning are two hours after sunrise until 4:00 P.M. **All fires are to be out by 4:00 P.M.**
- 3.) Fires shall be attended by someone at all times until extinguished. The person attending to the fire shall have on site the following:
 - A) Pressurized water can or a hose connected to a water supply
 - B) A shovel or rake for controlling the fire.
- 4.) Try to start the fire with natural "kindling" – never with gasoline or charcoal lighter fluid. If you must use an artificial helper, kerosene is probably safest.
- 5.) All burning shall take place at least 75 feet from any structure.
- 6.) Burning shall take place on land closest to the source of the material being burned.
- 7.) **Materials which may be burned:** Brush, driftwood, cane, and forestry debris from a source other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations. Materials burned should not exceed 4" in diameter.
- 8.) The burning of grass, hay, leaves, and stumps is strictly prohibited. Also prohibited is the burning of tires or any other combustible material.
- 9.) **ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN YOUR PERMIT BEING REVOKED.**
- 10.) **IF YOUR FIRE SHOULD GET AWAY FROM YOU, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**