



TOWN OF VERNON

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Dear Vernon Community:

As the weather turns warmer, the Vernon Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind the public of the local regulations for legal and safe open burning.

Two types of outdoor fires are allowed in Vernon:

- 1. The burning of brush on a resident's own lot with a written permit issued through the Vernon Fire Marshal's Office.**

Permits may be obtained by calling (860) 870-3633 to request an in-person appointment at the Building Department/Fire Marshal's Office, 55 West Main St. The cost for this permit is \$50. All such fires must conform to all conditions of the written permit. The maximum diameter of the wood being burned is 3 inches.

- 2. A recreational fire burning clean, dry hardwood in either:**

- a) A covered container with a wire mesh screen having no larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch openings.
- b) An approved incinerator. This must be 10 feet from buildings and property lines.
- c) A fireplace or pit for the purpose of cooking food.



A recreational fire cannot exceed the following dimensions:

- Total fuel area no greater than 3 feet in diameter.
- Total fuel area no greater than 2 feet in height.
- Maximum diameter of any piece of wood is 3 inches.
- If the fire is not on a house lot (i.e. lawn) then an area of 15 feet in all directions shall be free of all combustibles.

Safety Guidelines for Any Fires:

- Fires must be constantly attended and monitored.
- Always keep a pail of water or garden hose nearby.
- Never let small children or pets play near any fire.
- Fires that constitute a hazard or danger to the public health or safety are not permitted.
- Before burning, check the Connecticut DEEP website:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report>
 - Burning cannot occur on days where the fire danger is high, very high or extreme

Please stay safe and healthy.

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Fire Marshal