OPEN BURNING

Fire Warden & Deputy Fire Warden
2019 Spring Training

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OUR AGENDA

- What is Open Burning?
- What open burning activities are allowed vs. prohibited?
- What materials can I (lawfully) burn?
- Responding to complaints
OPEN BURNING

- The burning of combustible material where emissions do not vent through a stack, chimney, or flue, but are released directly into the air.
PROHIBITED MATERIALS

1973 - Tires and Tubes Prohibited
Env-A 1001.07
2001 – Banned Residential Trash Burning
RSA 125-N, Dioxin Reduction Program
Env-A 1001.06
Prohibited Materials

Salvaging Operations (Env-A 1001.08)
PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Treated Wood Env-A 1001.05

Applies to any treated dimensional lumber, plywood and pallets

Cannot be painted, stained, pressure treated, glued, oiled

Pressure Treated & Painted!
PROHIBITED MATERIALS

- 2008 Banned the Burning of the Clean Wood Component of Construction & Demolition
  RSA 125-C:10-c
Construction and Demolition Debris
Env-A 1001.06
WHAT IS C & D?

- Asphalt
- Bricks
- Concrete
- Drywall
- Glass
- Insulation
- Plaster
- Yes, Wood
C & D CANNOT BE BURNED AS A MEANS OF DISPOSAL

That means:
- Construction
- Repair
- Remodel
- Demolition

From Structures and Roads
Even if it’s untreated (Clean)!!
ACCEPTABLE THINGS
CAMPFIRE
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COOKING FIRE
CELEBRATIONS
Acceptable Fuel (or, What is Brush?)

Tree tops, limbs, saplings and tree cuttings, including attached leaves, which are 5 inches in diameter or less.
ACCEPTABLE FUEL

- Discarded pallets
- Untreated scrap wood from manufacture or construction of furniture, bookcases or other related items
Obtain a Burn Permit from Local Fire Warden

Does your municipality have local burn regulations?
Contact NH Division of Forests and Lands (603) 271-2214 for more info.
Call us! NHDES investigates outdoor wood boiler and open burning complaints, often with assistance from local officials, fire warden, or state forest rangers

Indoor burning - no authority to enter private residences – outreach and education
Contact:
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A Fire Chief has the Authority to Extinguish a fire to prevent or abate open burn violations

Even if a burn permit was issued!
Even if the ground is covered in snow!!
Municipal EcoLink
Rulemaking Notices
Beach Advisories
Environmental News
. . . And more
Open Burning: Google “Open Burning NHDES”
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QUESTIONS?