

*Town of Hudson Fire Department  
Burning Regulations*

**BRUSH AND OPEN BURNING (Category I, II, III) including portable fireplaces**

- ❖ All open burning within the Town of Hudson requires a permit.
- ❖ Permits may be obtained at the Hudson Fire Department, Central Station.
- ❖ A permit for the purpose of burning brush (Category III) shall be issued for use from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. unless there is a sustained rain or the ground is covered with snow, in a 100 ft. radius from the edge the fire. The permit for burning shall be issued and in force only during these times. At the end of the time frame allotted (9 a.m.), the fire shall be completely extinguished (not emitting smoke, heat or flame).
- ❖ Persons applying for a burning permit must own the property where the fire is located. Persons renting or leasing property must produce a written consent form from the property owner, addressed to the fire department before a permit will be issued.
  - \*Note: Renter's shall only be provided with a permit to burn for one day at a time
  - No permits shall be issued to any youth under the age of eighteen (18) years old.
- ❖ At no time shall any fire be left unattended by the Permittee. The Permittee shall be responsible for the fire and capable of extinguishing the fire. They shall be on the same property as the fire and have it in plain view.
- ❖ A proper method for the control and extinguishment of all open burning, shall be in place at all times. The burying of any fire shall not constitute being extinguished.
- ❖ Brush piles shall be no larger than five (5) feet in diameter and five (5) feet in height at any time. The diameter of the brush, slash, limbs, etc., shall never exceed five (5) inches. Category III fires shall not be closer than fifty (50) feet to a significant structure.
- ❖ Applicants shall not burn or cause to be burned a fire that may communicate to the woodlands, nor under phone lines or power lines.
- ❖ Smoke generated from any fire shall never impede or obstruct traffic. The travel distance of hot ash shall never cause a threat of any kind. The burning of leaves, grass or pine needles shall be prohibited.
- ❖ At no time shall any person(s) burn any materials such as tires, waste, painted, stained or pressure treated lumbers, asphalt shingles, metals, plastics or any other material which may be deemed toxic or a pollutant which may be harmful to the environment or public.
- ❖ If the Hudson Fire Department receives any public complaint that a fire is creating a nuisance, a member of the Fire Department shall be sent out to check the site. If the burn is deemed to be a nuisance, the permit shall be revoked and the fire must be extinguished. All permits for any type of open burning shall be suspended during any state ban, which encompasses the Town

## **Category I, II**

- ❖ A proper method for the control and extinguishment shall be provided at all times. These fires shall also follow the guidelines and requirements as set forth in this document.
- ❖ Category I: a fire not larger than two (2) feet in diameter, twenty-five (25) feet from a structure. This also includes chimneas, built masonry BBQs, fire rings with grates and other such devices. *Does not include Gas/Charcoal devices.* Fire pits designed to bury foods for cooking on hot coals is also included (bean holes). Category I fires can be used in the daytime (before 5 PM). They may not cause a nuisance such as excessive smoke. We may ask that the permittee eliminate/reduce smoke or the fire will need to be extinguished. Permittee will need to call before lighting fire. Fire permits will be suspended for dry conditions, as with other permits.
- ❖ Category II: a fire of two (2) feet to four (4) feet in diameter, fifty (50) feet from a structure in a defined area and for use as a means of keeping people warm; cooking or similar activity. The fire shall be completely surrounded by non-combustible materials such as stone, steel ring, or similar.
- ❖ All fires need to comply with safe distances from woodlands.

## **INCINERATOR OR BARREL PERMIT**

- ❖ The Town of Hudson provides weekly trash pick-up. This type of burning is not allowed at any time.

## **Category IV: COMMERCIAL BRUSH AND OR DEBRIS PERMITS**

- ❖ These permits shall be issued per event by the State of NH Division of Forest and Lands and the Town Warden. They are subject to inspection prior to the starting of the burn. Commercial applicants are subject to all the criteria listed in this document. At no time shall any commercial permittee burn or cause to be burned any other material than clean wood and wood scrapes as listed above. Commercial applicants shall not burn at anytime any other materials including cardboard or paper products. Commercial entities will be allowed to apply for a debris permit. The debris must meet all the requirements set forth in this document.

Source: Air Pollution Control Commission ENV-A 1000, State of NH Division of Forest and Lands,  
NH State RSA 227-G:4 and NH Code of Administrative Rules Res. 5600