

When can I get my permit?

Permits will be issued by the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Wardens ONLY at the Grantham Fire Station.

Times are:

Tuesday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Friday 6:30pm-8:00pm

The Fire Station will not be staffed for permits on High Fire Danger Days. Hours are subject to change without notice, please check the Town Website or call Fire Department to verify we are here.

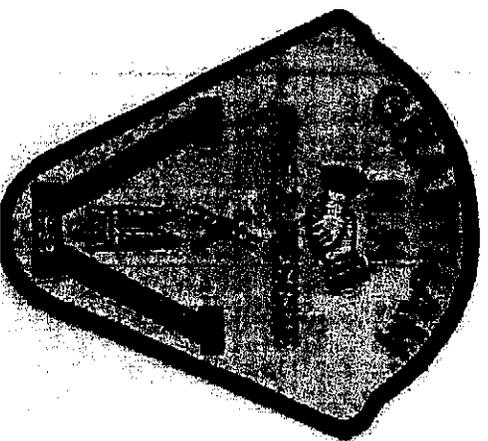
Wardens may also be at the Station at other times, and may have time to issue a permit.

Permits can only be issued three days prior of a Burn date. Permits can not be issued if the fire danger level is above a "High Class Three".

PLEASE DO NOT CALL

the Wardens at their homes or place of work. Permits will NOT be provided.

***Town of Grantham
Fire Permit Procedure***



***Grantham Fire Department
(603)863-5710
Effective 8/13/10***

Who Can Burn-

You must be at least 18 years old.

Anyone who wishes to burn clean ordinary combustibles such as leaves, brush or untreated lumber or have a camp/cooking fire must have a written permission from the landowner and a fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden or one of the Deputy Wardens, from the Town of Grantham. Please be prepared with shovel or rake and a water supply, as you will be liable for any fire that gets out of control.

Liabilities

Any person causing or kindling a fire without a written fire permit from the Deputy Fire Warden whose negligence causes a fire, shall be liable in a civil action for the payment to the Town, and or State for any expenses incurred to the Town of Grantham and or the State of New Hampshire in attending or extinguishing such fire.
Civil action can also be taken if a permitted fire goes out of control due to negligence.

Penalties

Any person violating the permit law and its provisions or any person, who willfully or recklessly kindles a fire that endangers, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or punishable by a fine up to \$2,000.00 and/or up to one year in jail, or both.

When can you Burn-

A category I fire may be kindled with a permit at any time whether raining or not. A category II and category III fire may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5:00pm and 9:00am unless it is actually raining. Permits are required even when it's raining. When the ground where you are burning is completely covered with at least 3 inches of snow, no fire permit is required.

However you will still need to call Hanover Dispatch (603) 643-2222 and request to burn. Hanover Dispatch will have that day's fire danger from the State. There are times when you may have been issued a burn permit, but the State has dictated "No Burning" today. Hanover Dispatch has the final authority on whether you can burn.

To check the State Fire Danger Classification, please call the automated line [1-866-643-4737](tel:1-866-643-4737).

What materials can be burned with a fire permit?

Brush and wood cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter. No combustible domestic waste, treated wood or composite materials may be burned. RSA-124N defines "combustible domestic waste" as, but not limited to, household trash, packaging materials, plastics, coated or laminated papers, rubber, painted or treated wood, coated or treated cardboard, oily rags, and animal, vegetable, and kitchen waste.

Where you should Burn-

A category I fire must be at least 25 feet from structures and category II or greater fire must be at least 50 feet from structures.

Who can give you a permit?

Permits are issued through the State of NH Forestry Department through its wardens. Not all fire fighters are forestry wardens, therefore not all fire fighters can provide you with a burn permit.