

**Bartlett Fire Department  
Fire Permit Update April 2020**

The laws and rules of fire permits are a State law enforced by the Warden and Deputy Wardens of each Town and nothing contained in those has changed.

Having a fire in the State of New Hampshire is a privilege not a right, similar to holding a NH Drivers license. In the entire State of New Hampshire a fire permit is required ANYTIME:

The ground around your fire is not **COMPLETELY** covered with snow a 100' radius!!! That's a 200' circle or approximately half an acre. There is a huge mis-conception a fire permit is not required hen it is raining. A fire permit is **REQUIRED ANY TIME** when the ground around your fire is not **COMPLETELY** covered with snow a 100' radius!!

To obtain a fire permit you **MUST** be:

18 years old or older,

**The property owner OR have written hand signed permission in your possession from the property owner before obtaining a fire permit,**

The only material allowed to be burned are **CLEAN UNTREATED WOOD LESS THAN 5" in diameter that has not been attached to or part of a structure.** NO painted wood, pressure treated wood, plywood, cardboard, trash, tires, leaves, or any other material is allowed to be burned, PERIOD!! This is a NH Department of Environmental Services rule and the NH DES will likely investigate any fires that contain unapproved material.

ALL fires **MUST be completely extinguished with water** to the point you can stick your hand in the ashes and not feel any heat before leaving it unattended. **A BURIED fire is not an EXTINGUISHED fire.**

You **MUST ATTEND** your fire at all times which means **the fire MUST be in your site at all times.**

You **MUST have** an adequate water supply at the burn site and a hand tool sufficient enough to immediately extinguish the fire if the need arises **BEFORE** you light your fire. The larger the fire, the more water you will need to provide!!

As the permittee, the person whom the permit is issued to, it is entirely up to you to know the rules and laws of fire permits and to determine if the conditions are safe enough to light the fire **BEFORE** you light it. **The permit issuer, regardless of whom they maybe IS NOT liable for your actions in any way, shape, or form.**

The simple fact of having a fire permit **DOES NOT relive you of any liability** associated with your fire. If your fire escapes your control, YOU are **100% liable for the damages** caused to any property and the property of others as well as **the cost of extinguishing** the fire. It is strongly suggested to check with your home owner's insurance company to se of you are properly covered for such a loss **BEFORE** you light your fire.

**The Town of Bartlett, NH has a policy to charge the permittee and/or the property owner for the cost of extinguishing any and all fires of all the apparatus and personnel on scene.**

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There are **three categories** of fire permit you can obtain and these are:

**Category 1:** A small controlled campfire CONTAINED inside up to a 24" fire resistive ring. These fires can be burned anytime conditions are safe to do so and must be completely extinguished before leaving the fire unattended. A Cat 1 fire pit MUST be no less 25' away from all buildings, structures, decks, porches, and over hangs.

**A Category 2:** A small controlled fire contain in a fire resistive **ring larger than 24" up to 48" in diameter**. A Cat 2 fire can only **be lit after 5pm daily and MUST be extinguished before 9am the next day or before leaving unattended** or unless it is **ACTIVELY RAINING**. A Cat 2 fire pit **MUST be no less than 50' away** from all buildings, structures, porches, decks, or overhangs.

**A Category 3:** **ANY** fire not contained in a fire resistive ring. A Cat 3 fire can only be burned **after 5pm and extinguished by 9am the next day or when left unattended** unless it is **ACTIVELY RAINING**. A Cat 3 fire MUST be **no less than 50' away** from all buildings, structures, decks, porches, or overhangs.

**Actively raining** is a steady type rain that continues to saturate all of the ground, trees, and other areas. If you light your fire when it is **actively raining and it stops raining, you MUST extinguish your fire immediately**. Sprinkling is not actively raining.

**The Town of Bartlett, NH is participating in the NH On Line fire permit system. ALL of the requirements of fire permits MUST be met even when acquiring a fire permit on line. This is fairly new to the Town of Bartlett, NH and the ability to obtain an on line fire permit will continue as long as we don't experience a significant increase in issues of permittees not following the rules.**

On line fire permits are available @ <https://nhdfweb.Sovsportsnet.net>

An example of this is if you don't own the property, don't have written hand signed permission from the property owner in hand and you obtain a fire permit, this action warrants your permit null and void and carries the same offense, penalties, and fines as if you did not have a fire permit.

Burn legally, Burn smart and stay safe,

Chief/Warden Pat Roberts

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