

Instructions for Applying for a Bolton Burning Permit

The 2017 Open Burning Season starts on January 15th and goes until April 30th. You may begin applying for a burning permit starting on January 1, 2017.

If you wish to burn brush, you are required to have a permit. Permits can be acquired online using these simple instructions. Anyone who does not have access to a computer may also call the Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch Center, 978-779-2276, and they will assist you in applying for a permit over the phone.

1. Instruct your browser to go to <http://massfire.net/brush/bolton.php>
2. Fill out the information in the bottom half of the screen and follow the instructions to print your permit.
3. As in the past, the Bolton Fire Department does not charge for burning permits. Please disregard any portions of the application that discuss payment for the permit as this application covers many towns and some do charge a fee.

Your printed permit will have a permit number and an activation key. You will need both in order to activate your permit.

To activate your burning permit, follow these simple instructions.

1. Instruct your browser to go to <http://massfire.net/brush/bolton.php>.
2. When the Bolton Fire Department is allowing burning for the day, you will see a place in the top half of the screen to enter your permit number and activation key. Enter and submit this information any day you wish to burn.
3. If the activation screen form is not visible, you will see a message advising that the fire department is not currently allowing people to activate their permits at the present time.

Anyone that has a permit and does not have access to a computer may call 978-779-2276 and give the dispatch center your permit number and activation key.

You must activate your permits between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. You may start your fire at 10:00 AM and all fires must be extinguished by 4:00PM.

The decision to allow brush burning on a particular day is based on the Massachusetts State Fire Weather Forecast, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) decision on atmospheric conditions, and local weather conditions.

Only residents that have been authorized by the Fire Chief may apply for an Agricultural Burning Permit.