

Burn Permit

Permits are required to burn brush in New Canaan. Open burning permit applications reside at the Fire Department at 60 Main Street in New Canaan. There is no fee for this service but it must be done in person on the day you would like to burn. You may call the Firehouse after 8:00am to inquire if permits are being issued that day 203-594-3140.

In order to obtain a burning permit, the conditions must be favorable according to the State of Connecticut DEEP, Department of Energy and Environmental protection.

- The air quality index is forecast to be 75 or higher anywhere in the state, ct.gov/DEEP/Air/Forecasting/AQI/Air-Quality-Index
- The forest fire danger is rated high, very high or extreme, ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report

General Conditions for Burn Permits:

1. **Open burning is limited to brush only**; shrubs, vegetation or pruning, less than 3” in diameter. Burning for the purpose of clearing land or construction debris is NOT permitted. Leaves and grass are not allowed to be burned under any circumstance.
2. Permit must be available at the burning site.
3. All reasonable safety precautions must be taken.
4. Burning may only be conducted between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm
5. Burning must cease if it becomes a nuisance to nearby properties or if directed by the Fire Department or Fire Marshal's office.

Penalty for Burning without Permit

Any person who kindles or directs another to kindle a fire in the open air, without proper authorization from state or local authorities or any person who burns materials that are prohibited from being burned by any provision of the general statutes, regulation of the state or local ordinance, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both. (Sec 23-48)