



The **Somersworth Fire Department** want you to know the rules and how to safe when using fire pits and when open burning.

Every person, firm or corporation who kindles or causes to be kindled any fire or burns, except when the ground is covered with snow, **Shall** obtain a fire permit from the City of Somersworth Fire Department. There is the option of a paper permit obtained at the fire station located at *195 Maple Street* or for your convenience an online permit process is available. There is a nominal fee for the online permit but this is available to you 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Online permits can be obtained via NHfirepermit.com.

All fires you kindle must follow these rules:

- Only clean, untreated wood can be burned. No trash or construction materials.
- You must stay with your fire until it is extinguished. A “completely extinguisher fire” means to extinguish with water, so that it emits no smoke, heat or flames.
- You must follow the setback requirements based on the category of your fire. See your fire permit for additional informational.
- Permits can only be obtained by the landowner or by a person having written permission from the landowner.

How should I extinguish my fire?



Drown the campfire ashes with lots of water



Stir, add more water and stir again. Be sure all burned material is out cold.








Feel materials with your bare hand. If it is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

Daily fire danger warning can be found www.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov/forest-protection/daily-fire-danger. Please check this site prior to burning.

Fire Danger Class Day

The Forest Protection Bureau calculates the Fire Danger Class Day during the fire season. The fire danger ratings represent how fast an uncontrolled fire may spread.

-  Class 1 – Low
-  Class 2 – Moderate
-  Class 3 – High
-  Class 4 – Very High
-  Class 5 – Extreme

Any person violating any provision of the permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and any person who causes or kindles a fire by any means, willfully or recklessly, which shall endanger a woodland shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person. A written fire permit shall be Summarily Suspended and an Official Notice or Summons may be issued for violation of the rules or laws. If fire escapes from your control you may be held liable for: 1. Payment of damage to property of another; 2. Payment of suppression costs to the town; 3. Prosecution for failure to comply with regulations.

We want you all to know the rules. Be safe, have fun, follow the rules! Feel free to stop by the station or call us at 603-692-3457 if you have any questions.

