

Harmony Fire Department

Burning Permit

Rules and Regulations

Burning Permits for Category III fires shall not be issued between June 1st, 2020 and October 1st, 2020

Exception: Must be physically raining when permit is picked up at station

Monday – Friday: 9am – 2pm

Saturday & Sunday; Call Gloucester Police Department (401-568-2533)

Property owner's name and phone number are required for permit

Permits shall not be issued when winds are greater than 10 MPH (per DEM)

Permits shall not be issued on a “HIGH FIRE DANGER” or “RED FLAG” day.

Category III Fire

Is any fire that is not contained in a fire resistive ring such as but not limited to a brush pile. These fires shall require a fire department issued “Burning Permit” ALWAYS.

All fires shall be completely extinguished no later than 0800pm.

Any person burning without a DEM “Burning Permit” issued by the Harmony Fire Department may incur a DEM fine.

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Category II Fire

Is a camp or cooking fire that is no larger than 4 feet in diameter which is contained in a fire resistive ring at least 10 inches high with a suitable sand or gravel base. The area must be cleared of combustibles/burnable material for a distance of not less than 10 feet from any part of the fire area and not less than 50 feet from any structure. These fires may be kindled any time without a fire department issued “Burning Permit”, conditions permitting*.

All fires shall be extinguished prior to 1000pm.

Category I Fire

Is a camp or cooking fire that is no larger than 2 feet in diameter which is contained in a fire resistive ring at least 10 inches high with a suitable sand or gravel base. This would include commercially made fire pits, chimineas and fireplaces. The area must be cleared of combustibles/burnable material for a distance of not less than 10 feet from any part of the fire area and not less than 25 feet from any structure. These fires may be kindled any time without a fire department issued “Burning Permit”, conditions permitting*.

All fires shall be extinguished prior to 1100pm.

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CONDITIONS PERMITTING:

- Permittee must be 18 years of age
- All fire shall be continuously attended by an adult until the fire is completely extinguished.
- Permits shall be issued on the day of the burn only and are good only for that day.
- Permits shall be issued to property owner or rental tenant. Renter shall need owner's written permission.
- Permittee must have proper extinguishing equipment at fire site to control fire size.
- Wind shall not be greater than 10mph.
- Only cleaned wood may be burned and must not exceed 5 inches in diameter.

Burning Permits **shall not be given** to property owners who are clearing land, during any large renovations or during any building construction. All of these are considered commercial or industrial in nature.

No stumps, leaves, pine needles, garbage, tires, construction debris will be acceptable to burn.

Should at any time during an outside fire (contained or not) there is a complaint by a neighbor about smoke entering their home/property the fire department will investigate the complaint and the fire may have to be extinguished by the fire department or the permittee.

Any questions with regard to these Rules and Regulations please contact the Fire Department at 401-949-1188 between the hours of 0900hrs-1500hrs Tuesday through Friday and speak with the Fire Chief.

The Harmony Fire Department is a Volunteer Department and with that the office is not open during the weekends and the rescue staff may be out of an emergency. We suggest that anyone needing a "Burning Permit" on Saturday or Sunday call the Gloucester Police Department 401-568-2533. The police dispatcher will contact a fire department member to assist you.