



## Newbury Fire Rescue Department

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Newbury NH 0325  
www.newburyfd.org



DIVISION OF  
FORESTS AND LANDS

# Outdoor Seasonal Fire Permits

To obtain an outdoor fire permit you must first be familiar with the requirements within this document. Once you understand the requirements of the outdoor fire place, you must first prepare the site as described within this document. Once this is done, contact Fire Chief Henry Thomas at 344-9381 or Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith at 938-5925 to schedule an appointment to inspect the site.

All outdoor fires require a written permit by a duly authorized person by the Forest Fire Warden, any time the ground is not covered with snow or at a minimum of 100 feet diameter around the fire.

A public campground or private landowner may obtain a seasonal Category II fire permit for approved fireplaces.

**“Category I Fire”** means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 2’ in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. A category I fire, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit any time of day whether raining or not.

**“Category II Fire”** means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4’ in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. A category II fire, conditions permitting, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 am unless it is actually raining.

All fireplaces shall be approved by the Forest Fire Warden/Deputy Warden and meet the following:

1. Be on an area cleaned to mineral soil at least eight feet across. Where fires are built on the ground, there should be at least six inches of sand or gravel under the fire.
2. Have no limbs or other burnable material within a height of ten feet above the fireplace.
3. The fire place shall be constructed so they can’t be moved from their mineral soil area.
4. Fireplaces shall not be used for the disposal of waste or rubbish.
5. Fireplaces shall be cleaned and the ashes disposed of properly after insuring that they are cold to the touch.

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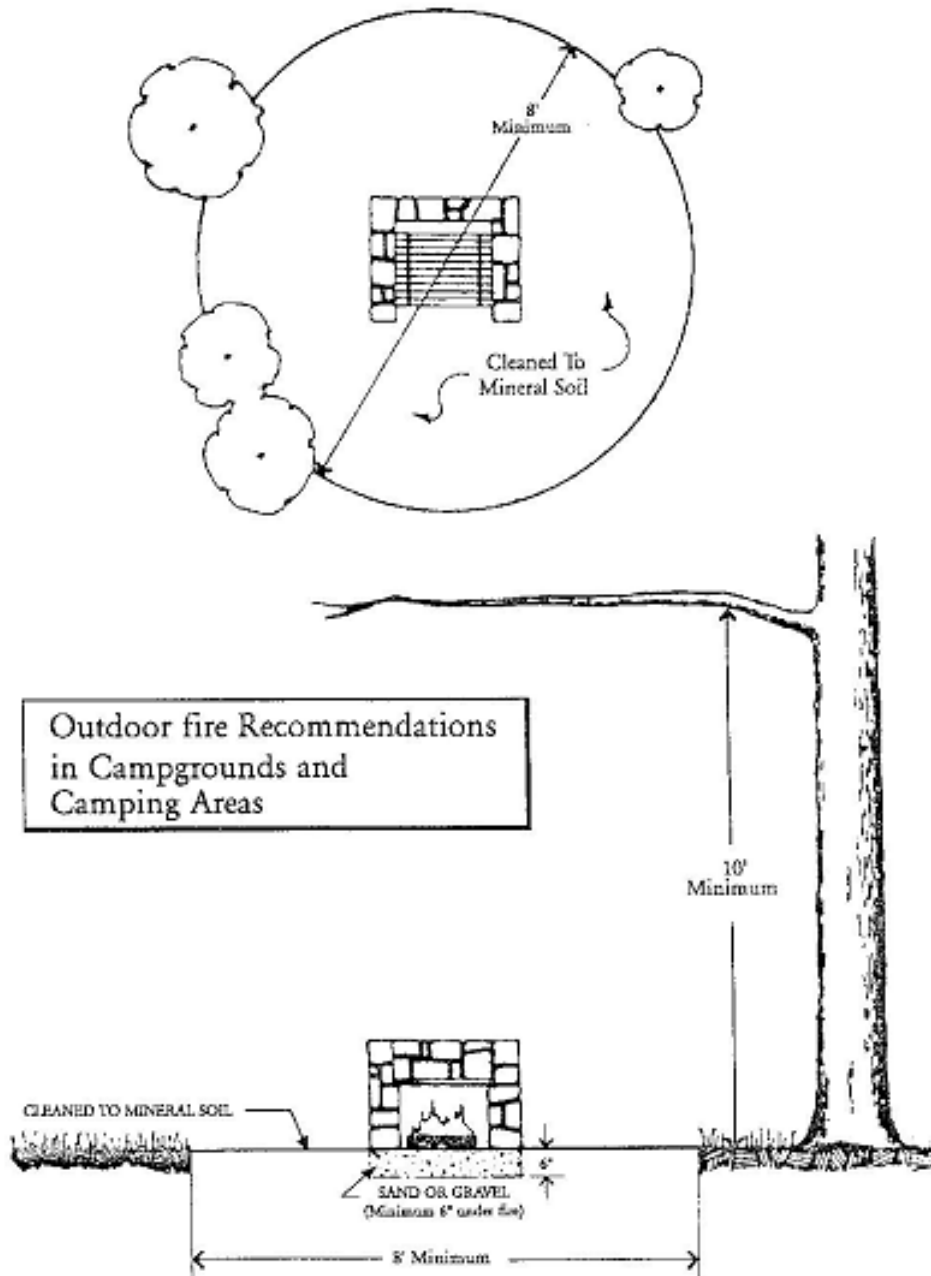
6. Before any fire places are used, they must be permitted by the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Warden.
7. Fire protection and suppression equipment such as hand tools (shovel, Rake, etc.) portable pumps or hose and an adequate water supply shall be readily available in all areas where open fires are permitted.
8. Failure to comply with all applicable rules and regulations may result in the fire permit being summarily suspended.
9. **ANY** person violating the fire permit law and its provisions, and any person who willfully or recklessly kindles a fire that endangers woodlands, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$2,000 and/or up to one year in jail, or both.
10. During any red flag warning or Class 3 or higher Fire Danger Day, ***NO OUTDOOR BURNING IS PERMITTED.***
11. It is the permit holder's responsibility to ensure that no restrictions on outdoor burning are in place prior to kindling any fire.

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## The diagrams below should assist you with properly constructing your fire pit



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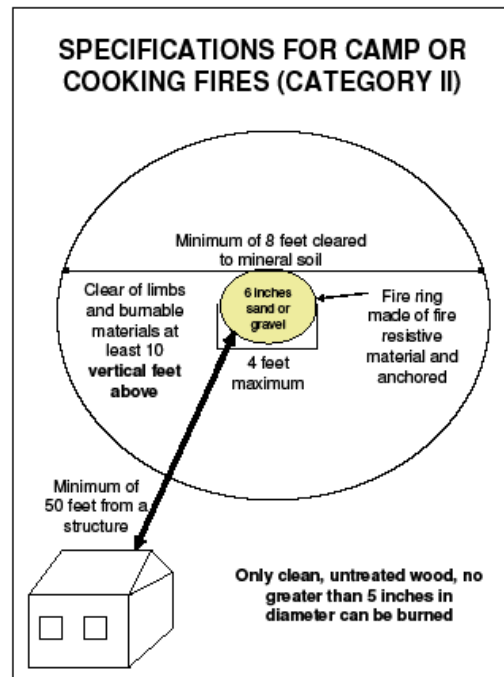
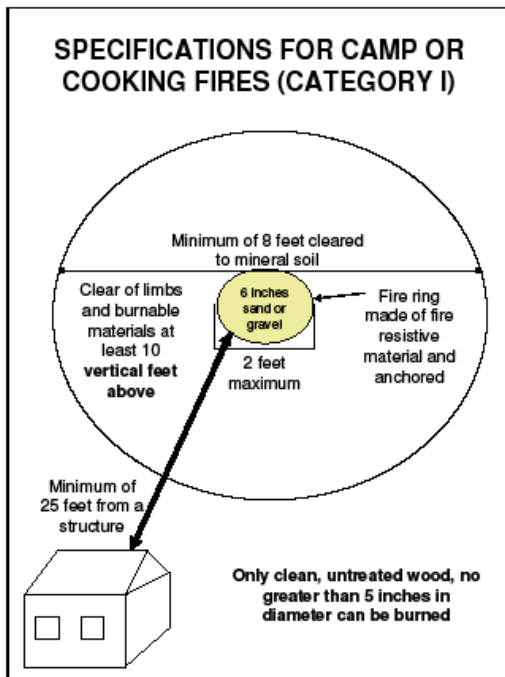
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