

Henniker Fire Permit Fact Sheet

The Spring and Summer season is fast approaching and the Henniker Fire Department would like to remind you of a few important facts. The following are the State of New Hampshire rules on outside brush burning. These rules are enforced by the Henniker Fire Department

You must be 18 years of age or older. The permittee must be the landowner or has the landowner's written permission. The permittee must have adequate suppression equipment to control the fire. Permits are given out only by the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Warden and are given out in typically three categories as follows:

Category I permits: "Category I fire" means a small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 2 feet in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. When: Any time (no time restrictions) What: The material to be burned is clean, untreated wood or brush less than 5 inches in diameter, and meets applicable air resources regulations. Category I fire must be 25 feet from structures. Seasonal permits allowed.

Category II permits: "Category II fire" means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4 feet in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace. When: A category II for between the hours of 5:00p.m. and 9:00 a.m. unless it is actually raining; or snow cover. What: The material to be burned is clean, untreated wood or brush less than 5 inches in diameter, and meets applicable air resources regulations. Where: A category II fire must be 50 feet from structures. Weather conditions are favorable as to prevent the spread or escape of the fire. Seasonal permits allowed.

Category III permits: "Category III fire" means any other fire not a category I or category II fire or a fire greater than 4 feet in diameter or a fire not contained within a ring of resistive material. When: A category III for between the hours of 5:00p.m. and 9:00 a.m. unless it is actually raining; or snow cover. What: The material to be burned is clean, untreated wood or brush less than 5 inches in diameter, and meets applicable air resources regulations. Where: A category III fire must be 50 feet from structures. Weather conditions are favorable as to prevent the spread or escape of the fire. Seasonal permits NOT allowed.

"Ground covered with snow" means the area within a 100 foot radius from the fire edge is covered with snow or other frozen precipitation sufficient to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.

"Raining" means sustained precipitation that is actively occurring of sufficient intensity and duration so as to prevent fire from spreading in woodland fuels.

If you need a permit or have questions about outside burning please call us at 428-7552 Monday-Friday 7AM to 5PM or 848-5079 any other time. The Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Warden will be happy to assist you.