

Be informed and be safe

Burning Permit
1-866-458-8080



Here are answers to questions that New Brunswickers commonly ask about campfires... or burning brush and other types of debris...

Is burning the only means of disposal?

There are other methods. You might consider mulching, composting or hauling debris to a local landfill.

What permission is needed for campfires or burning wood debris in New Brunswick?

It depends on the type of fire and where you plan to burn. For small amounts of brush and debris (Category 1) fires, you must call toll-free 1-866-458-8080 or 444-5445 (in the Fredericton area) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Information will be updated daily during fire season. You must have the landowner's permission before igniting a fire on private land.

What is fire season?

The 3rd Monday in April until the end of October.

What can I burn?

The following information applies only to non-treated, woody material.

(Certain material, such as pressure treated wood, is not allowed to be burned under any circumstances.)

Category 1 Fire

- Three metres in diameter or smaller.
- Piles no more than two metres high.
- Burning within 60 metres of forestland.
- Multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart.
- No more than four piles burning at one time.
- Must be attended at all times.

If you light a fire, you must make sure it is extinguished before leaving the area.

What type of permission will I be given?

There will be three levels of permission based on the weather and current fire conditions in your area:

- Burn.
- Burning permitted between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- No burning allowed.



Do the guidelines for burning apply everywhere in New Brunswick?

No. Cities and towns have their own bylaws. Some villages also have their own bylaws that restrict burning. It is your responsibility to find out if your village has its own bylaw. If it doesn't, your area is governed by the provincial guideline.

What type of fire requires more detailed permission?

The following types of fires require permits and inspection by a Forest Services officer from Natural Resources:

Category 2 Fire

- More than three metres in diameter.
- Piles more than two metres high.
- Burning within 100 metres of forestland.
- More than four piles burning at one time.
- For purposes other than prescribed burning and burning established blueberry fields.
- Requires written permit and pre-inspection.

(‘Prescribed burning’ is the knowledgeable application of fire to a piece of land for a specific forest management or other land use.)



Category 3 Fire

- Any size fire that treats existing blueberry fields.
- Requires written permit and pre-inspection.
- Specific guidelines from Natural Resources must be followed.

Category 4 Fire

- Prescribed burning.
- Requires a written burn plan to be submitted to Natural Resources, a pre-inspection and a written permit with departmental guidelines attached.

Failure to comply with any of the above is an offence. For more information, contact your local Natural Resources office.

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