



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Division of Forests and Lands
FOREST PROTECTION BUREAU



CATEGORY IV-COMMERCIAL FIRE PERMITS

Category IV fire permits are commercial permits with special requirements which enable contractors and municipalities to burn approved material between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. The permittee is required to have fire suppression equipment and personnel on site while the burning is being done. The fire must be attended at all times and completely extinguished before leaving the site. A buried fire is not considered to be an extinguished fire.

The Forest Ranger and Forest Fire Warden will inspect the proposed burn site for compliance with all applicable rules. The Category IV permit does not permit the burning of stumps or material greater than 5” in diameter. It does not permit the burning of treated materials or demolition materials without NH DES approvals. The approval and signatures of the Forest Ranger and Forest Fire Warden is required on the permit along with the permittee. If the permittee is not the landowner they must present written documentation to verify that they are authorized to act as the agent of the landowner.

If the burn site is not in compliance with all applicable rules and there is another means of disposal for the material then the permit may be denied. If the permittee fails to comply with all of the permit stipulations required then it may be summarily suspended. Failure to comply with all applicable laws and rules may result in criminal or administrative fines. Failure to control the fire may result in civil action reference restitution for suppression costs as well as any damage to the property of another.