

Guidance to Forest Fire Wardens Regarding Permit Issuance

The State of New Hampshire is actively working with its partners to maintain situational awareness regarding the emergency measures in effect to address the spread of COVID-19. We recognize that fire departments have had to institute changes to normal operating procedures to protect personnel and citizens while they continue to offer critical services to their communities. We fully support these efforts and the NH Forest Protection Bureau is also working on contingency plans should they become necessary as we are engaged with the onset of an early spring wildfire season.

- As of this date, there are no provisions in effect which would allow the fire permit laws and rules to be suspended or a need to suspend open burning due to the current fire danger. Open burning is still allowed on days up to and including class 3 conditions with a written fire permit.
- **While agencies are following the CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and adjusting customer access to fire department facilities, they need to know there is still a viable option available for individuals to obtain the required fire permits for open burning online at: <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/>.**
- If your department is already enrolled in the online fire permit system we recommend transitioning customers to this portal. We feel that this is the best tool available to ensure public compliance with the open burning laws while protecting the health and safety of personnel and the public.
- **Given the current situation, if an option for written permits is temporarily not feasible in your community and your municipality is not enrolled in the online system we strongly recommend that you contact us to become enrolled as soon as possible.**
- It is essential that individuals be able to obtain a fire permit in order to remain in compliance with the associated laws and rules.
- Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau at 603-271-2214 if you have any questions.
- **To request setup and activation of a town account Please forward this information to Captain Bryan Nowell at: Bryan.Nowell@dncr.nh.gov**
 - We will need the following information for the individual that will be the manager. Once the Manager is created they can go in and set up other agents so that they can receive the information as well.
 - AGENT INFORMATION
 - First Name:
 - Last Name:
 - Work Phone:
 - Cell Phone:
 - Email (for permit notification to be made to):
 - Category Permits you would like the public to be able to obtain.
 - Seasonal Cat 1
 - Seasonal Category 2
 - Category 1
 - Category 2
 - Category 3
 - What class day do you want permits to be restricted for?
 - For example: We would like the public to be able to obtain the permits for Class day 1, 2 and 3.