



NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
FOREST FIRE SERVICE  
APPLICATION FOR RECREATIONAL FIRE PERMIT



*Please mark the type of permit you are applying for:*

- ☐ 1. Event (ceremonial or non-residential event up to 2 days)  
a. Fires will not be larger than 5.0 x 5.0 x 5.0 feet in area without reason and not closer than 50 feet from any structure and/or combustible material.
- ☐ 2. Regular Recreational (for residential use up to 90 days)  
a. Residential setting for recreational fires that do not exceed 2.5 x 2.5 x 2.0 feet in height and no less than 25 feet from the nearest structure and/or combustible material.
- ☐ 3. Seasonal Recreational (for approved recreation areas up to 90 days)  
a. Approved recreational areas for recreational fire that will not exceed 2.5 x 2.5 x 2.0 feet in height and no less than 25 feet from the nearest structure and/or combustible material.

*Contact Information:*

Name (person who will be monitoring fire) :

Address :

City, State, Zip Code :

Phone # :

Email :

*Location of campfire if different from above:*

Address :

City :

*Recreational Fire Information:*

Date(s) of Event :

Time of Event (ex. 5pm - 11pm) :

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope along with this application and allow seven (7) to ten (10) days for processing of your application to:

New Jersey Forest Fire Service  
240 Main Street  
Andover, NJ 07821



The Department of Environmental Protection regulates open burning to limit the production of smoke in the interest of air quality, and to reduce the potential of wildfire devastating our natural resources and the surrounding communities.

## **PROHIBITED**

Under "Control and Prohibition of Open Burning"  
N.J.A.C. 7:27—2.1 et seq.

- Salvage operations by open burning (7:27-2.2).
- The disposal of rubbish, garbage, trade waste, buildings or structures by open burning (7:27-2.3A).
- The disposal of fallen leaves by open burning (7:27-2.3B).
- The disposal of any plant life by open burning, except as permitted (see reverse side).
- Transfer of permits issued from one location to another or from one person to another.

Under New Jersey Forest Fire Law  
N.J.S.A Title 13:9

- Setting fire to any forest, brush, grassland or tidal marsh without the written permission of a Forest Firewarden (13:9-19).
- Having any fire by which property may be endangered without maintaining a careful and competent watch (13:9-20).

*In addition, all open burning must conform to the NJ Fire Prevention Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, et seq.), enforced by the NJ Division of Fire Safety or local Fire Official.*

**Violations may result in fines to \$5,000 and reimbursement of costs associated with extinguishing the fire!**

## ***Safety Precautions***

- ⇒ Obtain necessary permit(s) and keep it available while burning.
- ⇒ Never burn when the wind is high. Live sparks can travel several hundred feet downwind.
- ⇒ Never burn during a drought or high fire danger, or when the woods and vegetation are extremely dry.
- ⇒ Check for burning restrictions at: [www.njwildfire.org](http://www.njwildfire.org)
- ⇒ Make all required notifications.
- ⇒ Have a 5 foot fire break to mineral soil completely around the fire.
- ⇒ Build the fire no larger than necessary.
- ⇒ Never leave a fire unattended no matter how safe it appears.
- ⇒ Keep water and a shovel or rake handy.
- ⇒ Always make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.
- ⇒ Keep emergency contact numbers and a phone readily available.

## **Local Contacts**

***In an emergency, dial 911***

Firewarden : \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Dispatch: \_\_\_\_\_  
Health Dept: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEBRIS BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN NJ !**



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[www.njwildfire.org](http://www.njwildfire.org)

# **OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS**

Contact us at:

## **North**

NJ Forest Fire Service  
240 Main Street (Route 206)  
Andover, NJ 07821  
**(973) 786-6350**

Covering: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren Counties, Mercer County north of the D&R Canal and Middlesex County north of the Raritan River

## **Central**

NJ Forest Fire Service  
PO Box 239  
New Lisbon, NJ 08064  
**(609) 726-9010**

Covering: Burlington, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties, Mercer County south of the D&R Canal and Middlesex County south of the Raritan River

## **South**

NJ Forest Fire Service  
5555 Atlantic Ave.  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330-2000  
**(609) 625-1121**

Covering: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties