



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

As a reminder, we are asking you to follow current outdoor burning regulations and exercise good judgement while burning backyard waste. The smoke from these fires may impact neighboring properties and if so, may be prohibited under both West Hartford and State regulations, if it creates a nuisance for your neighbors.

State regulations only allow for burning of yard waste (shrubs, vegetation and/or prunings - none exceeding 3 inches in diameter) if you have obtained a permit through the Fire Marshal's Office. This is a free and simple one page application for the property owner and the process includes an inspection of the burn site by one of our Open Burning Officials and a decision on your application.

The West Hartford Fire Department recognizes that a safe and well managed open burning fire can be a convenience for you and asks that all of our residents be thoughtful neighbors. If your fire is found to be unsafe or interferes with the free use and enjoyment of a neighbor's property, we'll respectfully ask for the fire to be extinguished and have the authority to order its extinguishment. Subsequent complaints may lead to the issuance of a citation as allowed by local regulations.

We appreciate your anticipated cooperation and look forward to addressing any fire safety concerns you may have. Please call the Fire Marshal's Office directly if you have questions regarding the restrictions of open burning in West Hartford and join us in our endeavor of ensuring a safe environment for all of us to enjoy.

Thank you.

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