



Old Orchard Beach Fire Department

Office of the Chief

A burn permit must be obtained prior to open burning within the Town of Old Orchard Beach. Individuals may only burn brush, wood waste*, and agricultural material. All permits are subject to inspection.

Use of residential outdoor grills and fireplaces for preparing food or warming is allowable without a permit so long as no nuisance is created.

Beach fires are not allowed in Old Orchard Beach without special permits authorized by the Town Council.

To obtain a burn permit, please visit the Maine Forestry website
<https://www.maine.gov/burnpermit>

If you do not have internet access or require assistance with the process, please visit Fire Headquarters, 136 Saco Ave, in person between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Permits are considered valid for the date of issue only. Fires will not be allowed on days with higher than moderate fire danger or exhibiting high winds.

Burning Permit Conditions (NFPA 1, Life Safety Code - Chapter 10)

- Burning piles are to be kept reasonably small and always attended. (10.10.5.1)
- A source of water or other approved suitable means of quick extinguishment must be present and ready to operate. (10.10.5.2)
- The location of burning shall not be:
 - Less than 50 feet from any structure for open burning (10.10.4.1)
 - Less than 25 feet from any structure for any open recreational fire (10.10.4.3)
 - Less than 15 feet from any structure for recreational fires in approved containers (International Fire Code 307.4.1)
- Permitted fires that generate a complaint(s) will be investigated by the fire department, and potentially extinguished. (10.10.10)

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- Burning of the following material is strictly prohibited:
 - Flammable or combustible liquids
 - Construction / demolition debris other than wood waste* (i.e. plastics, rubber, styrofoam, metals, chemicals)
 - Paper / cardboard
 - Manufactured wood materials
 - Tires
 - Asphalt shingles
 - Wire insulation
 - Rubbish / refuse / garbage
 - Human or animal waste
 - Animal remains

Any violation of these conditions may result in revocation of permit(s), and/or court action.

The permit holder is ultimately responsible for following all permit conditions and restrictions per the Maine Forest.

Contact us with any questions or concerns at (207)934-7790.

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