



## Seasonal Fire Permit

There has been some confusion regarding the necessity of a fire permit when having an outdoor fire on Long Island. During dry stretches this is especially critical. The Town wishes to maintain the homeowners ability to enjoy their evening fire pits, but we must be cautious as a community.

**In front of the Fire Station is a Fire Class Day sign that is updated daily by 9am showing today's state issued fire class day.**

The major issue that determines whether a permit is needed is the size and content of what will be burned and whether the intent is for recreational use or debris disposal.

### **Do you need a Fire Permit? –**

#### Seasonal permits

Recreational use means either cooking or sitting and enjoying the fire such as at a family gathering on private property. In this situation, the content of what is being burned should be clean, cut, and split wood or unpainted / unstained, non-treated wood scraps, no leaves, yard clippings or debris. In this case the Fireplace or Fire pit would be 36" (3 ft.) or less in diameter. These include the typical "Fire Pits" purchased for home use with covers. A seasonal permit can be obtained for these types of fires, by filling out an application, and a returning the application to the Chief, Deputy Chief or Captain. One of them will then come and inspect the location of the fire pit, if approved the applicant and LIFR officer will sign off on the permit. Seasonal permits will valid from date of approval to December 31.

#### Permit required

If the diameter of the fire area is greater than 36" (3 ft.) or you are burning anything other than clean wood such as yard or garden debris or construction debris **you will need to have a Fire Permit**. You will also need to have a means of extinguishing the fire readily available, (i.e. water hose, sand, cover, fire extinguisher). These pits are usually homemade and have stone or brick edges (or may be dug out and sunken).

*If a fire pit is not edged or sunken, a **Fire Permit will be required.***

#### **How to obtain a Fire Permit**

1. Fire Permits can be obtained from the Fire Department Chief or Deputy Chief after 9 am. Call to see if permits will be issued for that day. There is no fee for this permit.
2. Permits will expire at midnight of the day issued.
3. *Upon request, an inspection of a homeowner's Recreational Fire Pit greater than 36", the LIFR Chief or Deputy may issue a conditional permit covering 90 days.*

#### **Limitations**

Regardless of whether a permit is required or issued you may be asked to discontinue burning if neighboring property owners or residents feel your fire is a nuisance. If the **Maine State Fire Class Day in Zone 1 is High, Very High, or Extreme**, permits will not be issued or may be revoked. The issuing LIFR officer may limit fires based on wind direction or condition. You may not burn paper, cardboard, plastic, rubber, Styrofoam, metals, food wastes, chemicals, treated wood or other solid waste. You must comply with all laws and regulations of the Maine Forest Service, Department of Environmental Protection, local ordinances and conditions, or restrictions stated on the fire permit. You shall be liable for suppression cost due to negligence or not following safety requirements listed on the fire permit.

If you have any questions about outdoor burning please contact the Long Island Fire and Rescue,  
Chief Will Tierney at (207)-317-1577  
Deputy Chief Sam Whitener at (207)-838-6376  
Captain Justin Papkee at (781)-956-0879

### **Seasonal Fire Permit application**

The seasonal fire permit is only valid after the location has been visited by an officer of the LIFR.

The person who the permit has been issued to is responsible for knowing the fire class day before burning.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of fire pit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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First page and top sign off shall be left with applicant, bottom sign off will be returned to station and filed with all known seasonal permits.