

EASTON FIRE MARSHAL PRESS RELEASE ON OUTSIDE & OPEN BURNING

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Easton Fire Marshal's office enacted a moratorium on all outside burning. This action was in the interest of public safety and the need to reduce the Fire Department's responses during the pandemic. Based the Governor's Phase I Opening of the State, the following actions will take place.

1. Campfires, outdoor fireplaces and fire pit burning activities may resume in Easton. It is important to remember that these activities are not regulated per se by the Easton Fire Marshal. Nuisance smoke from these fires will cause the fire department to shut down these recreational activities. Activities that cause nuisance smoke are regulated by the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.
2. Open Burning permits of Brush on Residential Property will be permitted on a phased-in basis (Connecticut General Statutes, 22a-174(f)). This includes:

Residents who already have a permit may follow the customary rules and start to burn brush. The conditions found on the burning permit must be strictly complied with or the permit will be revoked by the Fire Marshal.

Any applicant who has already applied for an Open Burning Permit and has not yet picked up the completed permit up from the fire department will be sent the completed permit in the US Mail by June 1st.

The Office of Fire Marshal will not issue any new permits to Open Burn until after the start of phase II of the Governor's opening of the state of the Connecticut. This is anticipated to take place on June 20th if not sooner. Additional guidance will be communicated in the form of a Press Release to the public

Any questions relative to this Press Release can be directed to the Fire Marshal, (203) 268-2833. We ask that citizens refrain from going to the fire department to ask any questions regarding this Press Release.

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