



City of Rutland Fire Department  
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The Rutland City Fire Department wishes to remind the Citizens of the City of Rutland that “No person shall engage in any open burning, except under a local permit issued from the Rutland City Fire Chief, and in compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Vermont”

Title 15, Chapter 7, Section 2936 further states that: “Open burning is defined as any outdoor fire other than a cooking fire.

A cooking fire is defined as the burning of charcoal or LP gas, in an outdoor fireplace, a barbecue grill, or a barbecue pit for the purpose of preparing food. A cooking fire does not require a permit, but is subject to all applicable codes and standards. A cooking fire deemed by the Fire Department to be a hazard will be ordered extinguished.

The open burning of materials other than charcoal and LP gas for any purposes is prohibited within the City of Rutland, without a permit. Such unpermitted fires will be ordered extinguished”

The Department states that the reasoning behind this Ordinance is twofold. The dense population of the City’s neighborhood has made open burning difficult. The pollution generated can be an annoyance, as well as a health hazard. This is particularly important to those members of our community with health issues.

Secondly, with the close spacing between structures, maintaining a “safe clearance” between them, has become more challenging when considering fire spread. Safety must prevail.

“Any person violating this Ordinance and Permit Policy may be subject to a fine and the fire will be extinguished by the Fire Department. Complaints involving burning of illegal materials will be referred to the State of Vermont for possible action.”

As always, if you have a question or concern, please give us a call!

The City of Rutland Fire Department, tel. (802)773-1812, is a Full Time Paid Department located at 104 Center Street, Rutland VT. It’s paid staff of 28, and 15 part-time members serve the citizens of Rutland, providing fire suppression, rescue activities and Hazardous Material responses to our Community.