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Agency of Natural Resources

Memorandum

TO: All Town Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens
FROM: Danielle Fitzko, Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation
DATE: September 22, 2025
SUBJECT: NO BURNING PERMITS SHALL BE ISSUED

By this memorandum, I am notifying all Town Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens that no burning permits shall be issued commencing at 12:00 PM on September 22, 2025. This order will be in place until it is revoked. This order may be revoked on a statewide basis, or on a county-by-county basis depending upon the fire danger and weather conditions.

This is pursuant to Title 10V.S.A., Chapter 83, §2645, Open Burning; Permits.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not kindle or authorize another person to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning natural wood, brush, weeds, or grass without first obtaining permission from the town forest fire warden or deputy forest fire warden stating when and where such fire may be kindled. Wood, brush, weeds, or grass shall not be burned if they have been altered in any way by surface applications or injection of paints, stains, preservatives, oils, glues, or pesticides. Whenever such permission is granted, the fire warden, within 12 hours, shall issue a written "Permit to Kindle" for record purposes stating when and where such fire may be kindled.

(b) With the written approval of the Secretary, during periods of increased fire hazard, the Commissioner may notify town fire wardens that for a specified period no burning permits shall be issued. The fire wardens shall issue no permits during the specified period.

You will be notified by VT-Alert when this order is rescinded. If you have any questions concerning this action, please call Director of Forests, Oliver Pierson (802-505-3563) or Forest Fire Supervisor, Dan Dillner (802-777-3079).

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Danielle Fitzko 9/19/2025
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Danielle Fitzko, Commissioner Date

I approve of this order by Commissioner, Danielle Fitzko.
Signed by:
Julie Moore 9/19/2025
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Julie Moore, Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources Date

