



# Bolton Fire Department

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The following are the guidelines and criteria that will be used by the Bolton Fire Department to determine if open burning will be allowed on any given day during the open burning season. Please remember that these are guidelines only and the final decision will be made by the Fire Chief or his designee based on his best judgment and evaluation of all pertinent factors and conditions.

Residential and Agricultural Open Burning will be permitted by valid open burning permit holders on days when the following conditions occur. These conditions will be evaluated daily as soon as the necessary forecasts for the day are available, typically around 9:00am and the determination to allow open burning or not will be made as soon as possible after that.

## Air Quality:

Forecasted conditions are deemed Acceptable for open burning by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) per their Air Quality Forecast web page:

<http://public.dep.state.ma.us/MassAir/Pages/MapForecast.aspx?&ht=1&hi=108>

or by the MassDEP Open Burning Advisory phone hotline at 617-556-1021.

On some days DEP may restrict open burning to only after 12:00 Noon.

## Fire Danger:

A forecast for a Class 1, 2 or low Class 3 fire day has been issued by the local Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (MassDCR) forest warden.

## Local Weather:

Wind speed forecasted by the National Weather Service's forecast for the Bolton area for the 10:00 to 16:00 time period per the web page:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Bolton&state=MA&site=BOX&lat=42.4333&lon=-71.6>

Is within the below range based on current ground conditions:

- Snow covered or significant soaking rain within the last 24hrs:
  - Maximum sustained wind of < 15 MPH with gusts < 25MPH.
- All other ground conditions:
  - Maximum sustained wind of <10 MPH with gusts < 15 MPH.

## Special Local Conditions:

No special local conditions exist which would prohibit open burning have been identified by the Fire Chief or his designee.

Examples of special local conditions would include, but not be limited to the following:

- Limited manpower availability for firefighting.
- Key brush firefighting equipment or apparatus out of service.