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WRITTEN PERMITS REQUIRED TO BURN BRUSH AS OF MARCH 9

(Wolfeboro) --- As Wolfeboro property owners begin to think spring and yard cleanup chores, they may look to burn the piles of brush, branches, and similar debris they have accumulated. Written burn permits are required as of today, Wednesday, March 9, 2016, and can be obtained at the Wolfeboro Fire-Rescue Department.

State law requires written permits for any type of burning on the ground, including campfires and cooking fires. Permits are not required for most charcoal and gas barbecue grills.

The permit applicant must be at least 18 years old, own the property, and provide a home address and telephone number. A renter needs written permission from the propertyowner. Permits are only valid for the date they are issued, and allow burning between 5pm and 9am on the day of issue. The Fire-Rescue Department begins issuing permits at 4pm.

"As the spring weather comes, we would like to remind everyone that permits are still required for open burning, even in the rain," said Wolfeboro Fire-Rescue Chief Butch Morrill. "However, if it's actually raining and the forecast calls for rain all day, we can issue permits to burn during the day." Call Central Station on the day in question at 569-1400 to check on the status of permits.

For further information on the state laws regarding outside burning, visit our webpage at <u>www.wolfeboronh.us</u> and click on "Fire Department," then "outside burning information."