

# MANAGEMENT NOTES

## CONTROLLING THE BURN

A landowner carrying out a controlled burn is responsible for ensuring that adequate people and equipment are on hand to assist with the control of the burn. This pamphlet will provide suggestions on how to help ensure that the burn is carried out safely and legally by pointing out some of the simple precautions that landowners should take.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BURNING PERMIT** Department of Energy and Forestry

This permit expires at 12:00 midnight on March 15, 19 88  
NOTE: This permit is not valid when the Forest Fire Weather Index exceeds the maximum level or is not reported. Valid Permit 10 days.

Issued to: See handowner  
Street & No.: 54 Pleasant Place Drive  
Town or City: Homeville Postal Code: C0C 1T6  
Phone No.: 581 6050 Home Phone No.: None  
Easting - Northing  
OF BURNING SITE: Green Hill County: Quebec  
UTM: 18QMD11974  
Description of location: North side of Green Hill Road beside Bird's Pond  
Fire Brigade District: Homeville  
TYPE OF MATERIAL TO BE BURNED:  
☐ Windrowed Brush ☐ Blueberry Field ☐ Grass  
☐ Agricultural Land ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Care and control of this burning is the responsibility of the permit holder (Refer to Sections 27(1) and 27(2) of the Fire Prevention Act, Cap. 16, 1983 based on the reverse side of this permit). The permit holder must remain on the burning site until the fire is extinguished. Any damage caused to adjoining properties, etc., as a result of this fire will be the permit holder's responsibility. Wind force, wind direction, fuel type and other factors affecting the rate of spread of a wild fire must be taken into consideration before a burning is started.  
I CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER (AS DEFINED IN THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT OF 1983) AND THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS BURNING PERMIT.  
Signature of Owner: [Signature] Date issued: June 11, 1988  
FOREST FIRE CONTROL SERVICE TEL: 1-882-2323

Figure 1. A fire burning permit is required from March 15th to December 1st.

Forest fire burning permits (Figure 1) are required for all open fires (excluding the controlled burning of abandoned buildings which falls under the Fire Marshall's Office) conducted between March 15th and December 1st on Prince Edward Island. After obtaining the permit, the landowner must notify the local fire department of the time and place for the proposed fire. The landowner must stay with the fire until it is out. Failure to have a valid burning permit can result in a fine of one hundred dollars or more. These permits are available from your local Department of Energy and Forestry District Office at Wellington (854-2155), West Royalty (Beech Grove Road) (368-4800), or Southampton (961-2172). As the landowner must sign the permit, the landowner must go to one of these offices to obtain the burning permit. Please telephone the office and arrange for a forest service officer to be present when you arrive so a permit can be issued.

### GRASS FIRES:

Grass fires are the most common form of controlled burning which landowners carry out on Prince Edward Island. The majority of this burning is done in spring even though autumn burning is normally safer. Grass burning can be avoided by regular mowing of the area.

Grass is a fine fuel which dries rapidly on sunny or windy days and responds very quickly to changes in wind or humidity. A slowly burning grass fire can quickly become a raging wildfire if the wind speed increases. In recent years, one or more buildings have been lost to grass fires because the necessary precautions were not taken in and around the buildings near the field to be burned.



Ensure that you establish a safe zone around any building present by wetting down the grass (Figure 2) and/or cutting it very short. Station a person or persons near the building in case a spark lands near it and starts a spot fire. Ensure the doors and windows are closed so sparks do not enter the building.

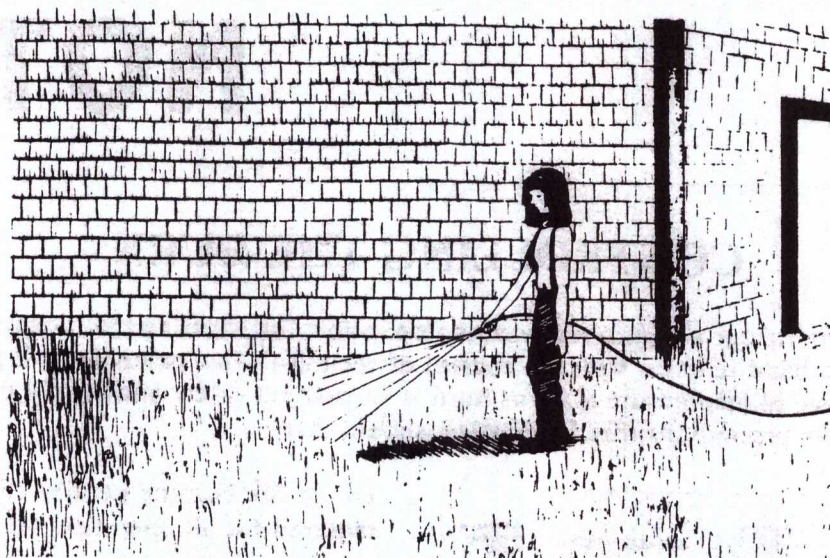


Figure 2. Create a safe zone around buildings.

Responses to grass fires which have gone out of control are a major problem for many volunteer fire departments each spring. While many people believe grass fires help the grass grow, these fires in fact destroy the organic matter which is essential for good soil fertility in grasslands. They also destroy the early nests of birds and other wildlife.

The preferred time for spring grass burning is while snow still occupies the edges of the field (Figure 3). If this is not possible and the field is fairly large, a fire break should be plowed around the outside of the field (Figure 4).

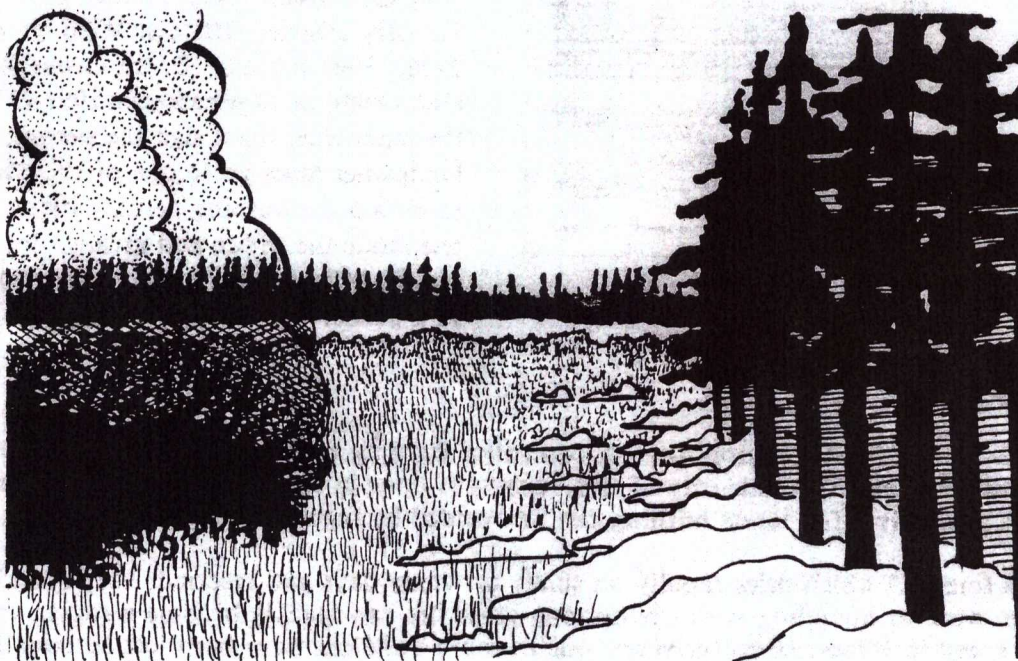


Figure 3. The preferred time for spring grass burning is while snow still occupies the edges of the field.





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## APPLICATION FOR BURNING PERMIT AUTHORIZATION AND REMOVAL

Owner's Name:(please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature:(please sign): \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby request authorization from the Fire Marshal's Office to remove by burning:

\_\_\_\_\_ (state item to be burned) located on Property Tax Number \_\_\_\_\_

owned by the undersigned and is located on \_\_\_\_\_ (state highway/road etc.) in the

Community of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

### CONDITIONS:

- (A) Burning will only be carried out with the Fire Chief's approval (for the designated area). The Fire Chief's signature indicating approval must be filled out on this form.

Burning is to be carried out by the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department with remuneration, if requested going to the Fire Department.

- (B) Clean-up of site is the responsibility of the owner.

Fire Chief's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This permit will be null and void if the burn is not controlled and monitored by the local fire department.

**Please remit this permit to the above office by either mail, in person or fax.**

#### Please Note:

Personal information on this application is collected under the Fire Prevention Act and Regulations as it relates directly to and is necessary for the approval of a Burning Permit Authorization and Removal and will be used for administration of the Office of Public Safety. If you have any questions about this collection of personal information, you may contact the Provincial Fire Marshal, Inspection Services Branch, Department of Communities, Cultural Affairs & Labour, 31 Gordon Drive, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8.  
(Telephone: 902-368-4869)