

West Haven Fire Services



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Open Burning Statutes

Section 23-48 of the CGS (as amended by PA 01-150): Any person who kindles or directs another to kindle a fire in the open air, without proper authorization from state or local authorities or any person who burns materials that are prohibited from being burned by any provision of the general statutes, regulation of the state or local ordinance, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

CT Gen Stat § 53a-114 (a) A person is guilty of reckless burning when he intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion, whether on his own property or another's, and thereby recklessly places a building, as defined in section 53a-100, of another in danger of destruction or damage. **(b)** Reckless burning is a class D felony.

From Connecticut DEEP:

Open burning is not allowed for the purpose of clearing land, or for the disposal of construction debris, household trash, or leaves. Open burning is *not* allowed:

- to clear land prior to construction activities
- as a means to dispose of construction debris, household trash, or leaves
- if the [Air Quality Index](#) (AQI) is forecasted to be 100 or higher anywhere in the state
- if the [Forest Fire Danger Index](#) is rated *High*, *Very High*, or *Extreme*
- if national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded
- if a hazardous health condition might be created
- if there is an advisory from DEEP of any air pollution episode
- where prohibited by an ordinance of the municipality
- if directed by any member of the town Fire Marshal's office or DEEP