



# **Town of Bristol Brush Burning Policy**

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Current Revision: May 6, 2021**

**Brush Burning Policy**  
**TOWN OF BRISTOL**  
**Effective as of November 3, 2011 ("Effective Date")**  
**Amended, May 6, 2021**

**Adopted:**

The Brush Burning Policy was adopted by the Select Board on November 3, 2011. This current revision was adopted by the Bristol Select Board on May 6, 2021 and is effective immediately. This policy amends and replaces all prior existing versions of the Brush Burning Policy.

**1. Objective:**

The Town of Bristol seeks to burn brush which is stored or brought into the Transfer Station or Solid Waste Facility in a safe and controlled manner.

**2. Procedure:**

Due to the nature of hazards involved, a specific procedural outline shall be followed in order to safely burn brush and prevent injury to any employee. Any employee that burns brush for the Town of Bristol must follow these guidelines for burning as follows:

- a. An annual State of New Hampshire Category IV burn permit must be obtained to burn brush. Employees seeking to burn brush must notify the Fire Department before every burn. A copy of the permit will be kept on file at the Solid Waste Facility.
- b. Employees responsible for burning must attend mandatory training upon hire and annually thereafter. The training shall be documented and scheduled by the Highway Superintendent.
- c. The brush pile must be burned in the designated area, with a charged hose line deployed and ready for use.
- d. A minimum of two (2) employees must be present during the brush lighting and a minimum of one employee (1) must be present during burning. Burning brush cannot be left unattended.
- e. A provided propane wand can be used to light the pile. Use of other accelerants such as gasoline, oils, kerosene, or lighter fluids to start fires is strictly prohibited.
- f. Employees burning brush must wear appropriate ANSI Class 75 safety toed footwear and long pants (jeans or other cotton products recommended). Additionally, employees shall wear provided fire retardant forestry coats when lighting the pile(s).

**3. Days/Times for Burning:**

Burning of brush shall only take place on days which the Transfer Station is closed to the public and is subject to approval by the Highway Superintendent and Fire Department. Burning during business hours is prohibited.

**4. Notice:**

This policy may be posted in appropriate public places in the Town as determined by the Select Board. All employees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents.

**5. Disciplinary Action:**

Failure by an employee to follow Town of Bristol policies may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination as stated in the Personnel Policy, Section 19.