

# Town of Somers Annual Burn Permit

## Pursuant to Burning Ordinance 5.115

The issuance of this Burn Permit enables the authorized owner/occupant to have an open burn in accordance with the Town of Somers Ordinance 5.115 on the property listed on this document.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to verify that burning is allowed or is being restricted by the Fire Chief or his/her designee. **Call the Somers Fire Department burn line at (262) 552-3540 every time you wish to exercise this permit to verify if burning is permitted.**

Only materials approved by the DNR and the Town of Somers, as specified in the ordinance, may be burned.

Failure to follow the ordinance can result in the revocation of the permit and may result in a penalty being assessed. A complete copy of Burn Ordinance 5.115 may be obtained at the Somers Town Hall or at <http://www.somers.org/>.

### Permit Conditions

1. Burning of materials that produce black smoke is prohibited.
2. Pile of material to be burned shall not exceed 4'x4'x4' unless specifically approved.
3. No fire should be within 25 feet of any structure, fence or other combustibles.
4. Provisions should be made to control and prevent the spread of fire.
5. Fire must not be left unattended.
6. Do not burn if wind speed is above 10 MPH.
7. Burn barrels are prohibited.

**You** are responsible if your fire gets out of control and become liable for all expenses incurred in suppressing a fire. **You** will be responsible for all damages caused by this fire:

Name: *(print)* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this permit, you acknowledge an understanding of the burning ordinance and agree to abide by the provisions stated.** If you have any questions regarding this permit or fire safety, please contact Somers Fire Department at (262) 552-7262.

### For Office Use Only

Fee Paid:    \$25    \$15                      Receipt Issued: Y    N

This permit is in effect through December 31, 20\_\_\_\_

Authorized Permit Issuer: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Town of Somers Burn Ordinance 5.115 Quick Reference Guide

Note that this is only a guide and it is your responsibility to read and understand burn ordinance 5.115 prior to burning. A complete copy may be obtained at The Somers Town Hall or at <http://www.somers.org/>.

- Burning of materials that produce black smoke is prohibited.
- Pile of material to be burned shall not exceed 4'x4'x4'.
- No fire should be within 25' feet of any structure or other combustibles.
- Provisions should be made to control and prevent the spread of fire.
- Fire must not be left unattended.
- Do not burn if wind speed is above 10 MPH.
- Open burning is only permitted during daylight hours with the exception of camp fires.
- Burn barrels are prohibited; contact Waste Management for empty burn barrel pickup.
- Burning should be done in a safe manner to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard to other people or visibility hazard on roadways.
- No materials shall be burned on any roadway or culvert.
- Camp fires are allowed without permit until midnight; camp fire must be no larger than 2'x2'x2' and must be contained in a fire pit or ring.
- Flammable liquids shall not be used to start or propagate fires
- During open burning (April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>) and (October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>) no permit is required for open burning, however all burning regulations still apply.

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Annual burn permits may be obtained at The Somers Town Hall during normal business hours for a fee of \$25.00 for the first year and a renewal fee of \$15.00 for each year after. If you have any questions regarding burn permits or fire safety please call Somers Fire Department at (262) 552-7262 or (262) 859-2277.