

Weston burn permit applications must be made in writing

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The days of walking into town hall and verbally asking for a permit to burn are over.

Anyone seeking a permit for outdoor burning in Weston must now apply for one in writing, said Fire Marshal John Pokorny, who is also the town's open burning official.

He said the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection now mandates that applications be filed for residential burn permits.

Applications are available at the Town Hall Annex or online on the town's website at westonct.gov under Permits/Regulations, Miscellaneous Permits, Requirements for a Residential Burn Permit.

The permit application may be printed and mailed or delivered to the Building Department at the Town Hall Annex. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 to 4:30.

Applications may also be faxed to Mr. Pokorny at 203-222-2670, or scanned and emailed to him at jpokorny@westonct.gov.

Mr. Pokorny said that while most burning permits will be issued within 48 hours of receipt of the application, it could take as long as 10 days if he is on vacation. "Since I'm the only authorized open burning official in town, I personally issue all the permits," he said.

Rules and regulations and procedures for open burning are on the online application.