



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
Department of Environmental Management
Division of Agriculture and Resource Marketing
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

Request for Exemption to Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 4 - Open Fires For Burning Agricultural Material on Farms

Farms may apply for a permit from DEM for open burning of agricultural material, i.e. brush piles, for weed abatement or pest control and when no alternative practical method of disposal is available, in accordance with Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 4 - Open Fires. Burning by resident homeowners on property owned by them where there is no commercial, industrial or salvage activity does not require a state exemption.

To apply for a permit to burn agricultural material on farms:

- Request a site visit by DEM Division of Agriculture: (401) 222-2781, ext. 4516
- Contact fire chief of district for approval
- Completed form below should be returned to: Don Whitaker, Principal Air Quality Specialist, Office of Air Resources, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908

Local ordinances must be adhered to for open burning. Issuance of burn permits could be restricted during some periods. Typically burn permits are issued November to March.

Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 4 can be found in its entirety on the DEM web site in the Air Pollution regulations section at: www.dem.ri.gov/documents/regulations/index.php
Questions about these regulations may be directed to: DEM/Air Resources, (401) 222-2808.



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To be completed by applicant

APPLICANT NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____

LOCATION OF PROPERTY (give address & any other information needed to determine location):

LOCATION OF BURN: FARM _____

EXEMPTION REQUESTED: WEED ABATEMENT _____ PEST CONTROL _____
LACK OF ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL METHOD _____

EXPLAIN: _____

Space below is for internal use only

INSPECTOR: _____ DATE: _____

FINDINGS: _____

To be completed by fire chief of district

TOWN OR CITY: _____ FIRE DISTRICT: _____

FIRE CHIEF OF DISTRICT: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

APPROVAL OF FIRE CHIEF (signature): _____ DATE: _____