

MEMORANDUM

TO: Municipal CEOs, Public Works Officials

FROM: Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, Bureau of Materials Management
And Compliance Assurance, DEEP

RE: Open Burning Clarification – Storm Sandy

DATE: October 26, 2012

Please keep in mind the following if open burning of brush is considered as an alternate disposal method for brush generated as a result of Storm Sandy:

1. FEMA will not reimburse a municipality if DEEP requirements have not been met. The solid waste Emergency Authorization does not permit open burning.
2. The municipality must first specifically apply to DEEP for a permit to burn brush.
3. Open burning can only take place on municipally owned transfer station, recycling center, or landfill properties.
4. After DEEP receives the application, the Air Bureau will inspect the municipal solid waste facility to ensure the location and parcel is suitable for open burning. Please call Tim Marsh at (860) 424-3452 or email him at timothy.marsh@ct.gov to discuss the potential suitability of one of the three types of suitable locations before submitting a permit application.

For more information on open burning, refer to the open burning fact sheet found on the Storm Sandy window. The link is as follows:

www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/air/wood_stove_furnaces/open_burning/open_burning_fact_sheet_for_municipalities.pdf

Please keep in mind that while open burning does not follow Connecticut's solid waste management hierarchy as outlined in the Connecticut's solid waste management plan (www.ct.gov/deep/swmp), the Department will not ban open burning as a solid waste management option during storm recovery as long as the requirements noted above are followed.