

## Fire Marshal Office- Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Does the FMO handle complaints for one & two family residences?  
A. One & two family residences are specifically exempt from CT Fire Safety Code.
- Q. How often should I change the batteries in my smoke detector?  
A. For regular, 9-volt batteries, at least annually, but test them monthly and change them if deemed necessary.
- Q. Is open burning allowed in the Town of Cromwell?  
A. Open burning is prohibited unless an Open Burning Permit is obtained through the burning official. The burning official is the Fire Marshal located at One West St. Cromwell.
- Q. May I have a fire pit or recreational campfire?  
A. Burning of any material other than clean, dry wood is prohibited. Burning of treated wood or milled construction material is prohibited. The fire must be properly and thoroughly extinguished before leaving the site unattended. If the campfire/pit causes a smoke nuisance the fire may be ordered extinguished immediately.
- Q. Are fireworks legal in the State of CT?  
A. Only sparklers and fountains are legal in CT. They can only be bought, sold and used by persons 16 years of age or older. Youths under the age of 16 may not use fireworks even under the supervision of an adult.
- Q. Do I need to get a permit to remove my underground fuel tank?  
The Department of Environmental Protection provides guidelines for the removal of tanks. We suggest you check their website for updated information <http://www.ct.gov/dep/site/default.asp>. A permit is not required through our office but we highly recommend that you file a copy of all paperwork of your tank's removal with our office. This will only help you in the documentation of the removal, particularly if you sell the property in the future.