



Dennis Fire Department
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 Fire Prevention



ANNUAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS STORAGE

New Annual Renewal Change Permit Number

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 148 section 10A and the MA Fire Prevention Regulations NFPA 1 – Chapter 66 and NFPA 30 application is hereby made by:

Business Name:

Business Address:

Type of Facility:

Contact Person: Signature:

Phone: Fax: Cell Phone:

Email Address:

For permission to store and use the following flammable/combustible liquids, gases. Or solids at the following location:

Storage Address:

List the total storage as defined by 527 CMR Board of Fire Regulations Section 14:02. If the storage exceeds the listed exempted amounts, the owner of the property is required to obtain a license. Storage must be kept in accordance with 527 CMR and 780 CMR MA Building Code. The Fire Department may limit the quantity of flammables /combustibles stored or used. All sites are subject to annual inspections. The amounts are the actual amounts used or stored. List total amounts only. Also list the type of product and what it is used for.

	Class 1A – 1B – 1C	Class 2 Combustibles	Class 3A – 3 B Combustibles	Flammable Gases
Total Amount	<input type="text"/> (total gallons)	<input type="text"/> (total gallons)	<input type="text"/> (total gallons)	<input type="text"/> (total cubic feet)
Product Type	<input type="text"/> (gasoline, propane ,etc.)	<input type="text"/> (Diesel fuel, fuel oil, etc.)	<input type="text"/> (waste oil, antifreeze, etc.)	<input type="text"/> (acetylene, etc.)
Product Use	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Unless otherwise exempt by CMR 527 ([Board of Fire Prevention Regulations](#)), a **permit from the Fire Department** is required by any owner, tenant, lessee, or business to store and use any flammable liquids and gases. If the quantities exceed the permitted amounts set forth in CMR 527(see below) then a **license** from the Town Clerk is required to be obtained by the owner of the property where the flammables are stored or used ([MGL 148 Section 13](#)).

Due to the complicated text of the laws and codes, flammable/combustible storage permitting can be a confusing and frustrating process. To explain, Massachusetts General Law requires a **license** be issued for any person storing or using flammable liquids on their property (MGL 148 § 13). However, the law also allows the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations (527CMR) to exempt certain businesses, operations, and amounts of flammables to be stored or used *not* to require a license as long as a **permit** has been issued by the local fire department (527 CMR § 14). This is called the [flammable storage permit](#). Furthermore, the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations may also regulate the amount of flammables that can be stored or used without a license specifically for the use intended. Fuel oil storage for oil burners, for example, is regulated by 527 CMR section 4 and not section 14. Lastly, if a request (to the fire department) for flammable storage permit exceeds the exempt amounts, then a **license** from the Licensing Board (not the fire department) is required .

To simplify, in order to store or use any flammable materials, a permit must first be issued by the head of the fire department. The permit is generally issued to the person or business that occupies the property. In properties with multiple tenants, a separate permit is required for each tenant located within that property. Whether a single permit or multiple permits have been issued for a property, once the exempt amounts listed in 527 CMR Section 14 have been exceeded, then a license, in addition to the permit(s), is required. The license must be applied for by the owner of the land and only one license can be issued per parcel of land (MGL 148 § 13). Follow the Licensing Board guidelines to obtain a license.

Fire Department flammable/combustible storage permits must be renewed in April each year. Please note any change of information or storage/use amounts when applying for the new permit. During the month of March / April a Dennis Fire Department Inspector will come by to inspect the location of your flammables/combustibles and verify the amounts indicated on your application and issue a permit

You will always need an annual PERMIT from the Fire Department for flammable / combustible storage including waste oil, but if you exceed these amounts listed below you are obligated to have a LICENSE from the Town Clerks Office via the Licensing Board.

Class I liquids	793 gallons*
Class I liquids.	10,000 gallons
Class II liquids ..	10,000 gallons
Class IIIA liquids.	10,000 gallons
Class IIIB liquids.....	10,000 gallons
Flammable gases (within a building)	3,000 cubic feet
Flammable gases (outside a building)	10,000 cubic feet
Flammable solids	100 pounds

*In containers of 60 gallons capacity or less, or in portable tanks over 60 gallons capacity not intended for fixed use, including intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) designed for mechanical handling.

Defining Flammable and Combustible Liquids

The National Fire Protection Association defines flammable liquids as any liquid having a flash point below 100°F and having a vapor pressure exceeding 2068.6 mm Hg (40 psia) at 100°F.

Class IA — flash point below 73°F and Boiling Point (B.P.) at or below 100°F

Class IB — flash point below 73°F and B.P. above 100°F

Class IC — flash point at or above 73°F, but below 100°F

Combustible Liquids

The National Fire Protection Association defines combustible liquids as any liquid having a flash point at or above 100°F

Class II — flash point at or above 100°F, but below 140°F.

Class IIIA — flash point at or above 140°F, but below 200°F.

Class IIIB — flash point at or above 200°F.