



# Prescribed Burn Season Spring 2026

The Massachusetts Army National Guard Natural Resource and Training Lands Program at Camp Edwards on Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC) plans to conduct prescribed burn operations in Spring 2026.

## What is a Prescribed Burn?

- A wildland fire originating from a planned ignition in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and regulations to meet specific objectives.
- Prescribed burns are the planned, controlled application of fire to help prevent wildfire, reduce fuel loads, manage habitat, and provide wildland fire training to firefighters..
- Qualified personnel write plans for prescribed burns that identify (prescribe) the conditions under which a burn can be safely conducted, taking into consideration many factors including weather conditions and smoke management and the burn’s goals (such as habitat benefits or wildfire hazard reduction).

## Spring 2026 Prescribed Burn Window

**March 30 to May 1  
June 1 to June 26.**

Due to the need to monitor weather closely to conduct a safe and effective burn, the actual day of a burn will not be known for certain until 24 hours beforehand. To be added to the Prescribed Burn Notification List, please contact Emily Kelly at [Emily.d.kelly2.nfg@army.mil](mailto:Emily.d.kelly2.nfg@army.mil). Email notifications are sent out the day before a planned prescribed burn.

## Prescribed Burn Operations and Safety

On the day of a prescribed burn, trained wildfire fighting professionals from local fire departments, state agencies and nonprofit conservation organizations participate in the operation. Weather conditions like humidity, temperature, wind and moisture in the vegetation are monitored closely before a prescribed burn. If weather conditions or any other factors will not allow for the safest prescribed burn, it is canceled.

- **Prescribed burns at Camp Edwards are ignited in the morning, suppressed by nightfall, and monitored closely until completely extinguished.**

Wildland fire is an important process in the fire prone Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Pitch Pine Barrens at Camp Edwards.

However, wildfire can reduce military readiness, threaten life and property on and around Camp Edwards, and negatively impact natural resources.

Prescribed burns reduce hazardous fuels, reducing the risk of severe wildfires to the community, natural resources, and infrastructure.

## More Information

Information about Camp Edwards’ Prescribed Burn Program is available by clicking [here](#), by scanning the QR code to the right, or by email: [ng.ma.maarng.list.camp-edwards-prescribed-fire@army.mil](mailto:ng.ma.maarng.list.camp-edwards-prescribed-fire@army.mil)



## View Real-Time Air Quality Information



## More Information on Wildland Fires and Smoke



*The Massachusetts Army National Guard Camp Edwards Training Site is the major training area for Army National Guard Soldiers in the Northeast as well as Reserve and Active Components, the US Coast Guard, and law enforcement agencies. Located on Cape Cod, Camp Edwards contains threatened and endangered wildlife species, prime wildlife habitat, archeological sites, and culturally sensitive areas.*

