



# Open Burning

## What **NOT** to Burn

*Open burning is allowed in certain cases and under certain circumstances. This card will cover what and where you **CANNOT** legally burn.*

You are never allowed to burn anything which contains rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, plastics, or building materials.

Recreational and ceremonial fires are allowed but they can only be fueled by clean, seasoned firewood. Burning things like paper plates, plastic ware, beverage containers, and food or food preparation waste is illegal.

**The two most common open burning violations are:**

- Burning inappropriate wastes
- Burning for disposal within 1,000 feet of inhabited structures

Burning of household trash is not allowed because most trash generated by a residence contains plastics, metals, and glass, many of which are recyclable and none of which can be burned. Even burning your plastic garbage bag is illegal.

Buildings, such as houses, barns and sheds, whether they are standing, fallen, or intentionally demolished, cannot be burned.



Commercial businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations are not allowed to burn trash or wastes generated from their business or processes for disposal at any time.

## DO NOT BURN

- Plastics
- Metals
- Glass
- Tires
- Rubber
- Grease
- Asphalt products
- Liquid petroleum products or hazardous wastes
- Furniture and mattresses
- Buildings or demolition debris
- Animal wastes or carcasses
- Metals or wire to increase recycling value



## If you are burning clean, seasoned firewood:

- Do not allow smoke to cause a safety issue on roadways, railroad tracks, or airfields.
- Do not burn within 1,000 ft. of any “inhabited building” including stores, churches, or other buildings, even if they are not always occupied or you have the neighbor’s permission.

**Your Fire**



**Neighboring Structure**



**1,000 Feet**

←Three football fields of distance→



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