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## **BURNING TRASH AND YARD WASTE**

Individual households can burn small amounts of dry, household rubbish (which includes only unrecyclable paper and cardboard, natural fibers, clean, untreated wood and similar materials) and small quantities of dry leaves and plant clippings unless prohibited by local ordinance.

Burning household rubbish and yard waste is allowed when both of the following are met:

1. The rubbish and yard waste was created by normal household activities; and
2. The rubbish and yard waste are burned on the individual household's property (not transported to another property and burned).

Demolition and in-home business operations, including farm and landscaping operations, are not considered normal household activities.

Keep in mind that breathing the smoke from debris burning is not healthy for you or your neighbors. Burning rubbish and yard waste is discouraged because of the air pollution it causes and because of the benefits of alternative disposal options.

## **PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

Burning any of the following materials under any condition is prohibited.

- carpet;
- electronics;
- foam;
- furniture and mattresses;
- asphalt;
- rubber;
- metal;
- oily substances, such as oily or greasy rags and oil filters;
- wood that has been painted, treated, laminated or glued;
- plastics of any kind, including bottles, bags, film and agricultural plastics;
- shingles and tar paper;
- tires and other rubber products;
- vinyl siding;
- wire;
- construction and demolition materials; and
- barn boards with any paint remnants or whitewash.

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### **Learning to burn:**

- Check conditions
- Check local regulations
- Know what can be burnt
- Look around
  - Make sure you have at least 10-15 ft of clear area
  - Burn on soil or gravel, not combustible items if possible
- Pre your pile
  - Make sure your pile is around 10x10x5
  - Keep it small and feed into the pile as it burns down, this will help control the burn in case the weather or circumstances change
- Stay with the burn pile at ALL TIMES and ensure its drown out when it out
  - Turn over the ashes with a shovel and drown again

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