

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION: ALTERNATIVES TO OPEN BURNING

Reduce

- Look for items with less packaging.
- Buy items in packaging that can be reused or recycled.

Reuse

- Donate old clothes, shoes, books, appliances, electronics, furniture and toys to charity.
- Carry a coffee mug with you instead of disposable cups.
- Bring your own cloth bag to the store or reuse plastic bags.

Recycle

- Many counties in Kentucky have a community recycling center. You can bring one or more of the following:
 - Newspaper
 - Plastics #1 and #2
 - Cardboard
 - Aluminum
 - Steel
 - Glass

Compost

- Leaves and grass clippings can be turned into food for your garden or houseplants.
- Instead of burning old pallets, tie four pallets together to make a simple compost bin.

Landfill

- Items that cannot be reused or recycled should be taken to the landfill.
- Many counties have one day a month FREE of charge.

Contact the Division for Air Quality, Division of Waste Management or your local solid waste coordinator for more information.

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OTHER CONTACTS

24-hour Environmental Emergency (800) 928-2380

Louisville Metro APCD	(502) 574-6000
Division of Forestry	(800) 866-0555
Fire Marshal's Office	(502) 564-3626
Kentucky Fire Commission	(800) 782-6823
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Division of Waste Management	(502) 564-6716
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OPEN BURNING LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN



THIS OPEN BURN IS ILLEGAL AND YOU COULD
BE FINED UP TO \$25,000.

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ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING

Agriculture

- Animal Bedding
- Hay
- Muck Piles (horse manure/hay)

Construction

- Asbestos Materials
- Buildings (houses, barns and garages)
- Construction Debris
- Demolition Debris
- Renovation Debris
- Drywall
- Shingles

Household Garbage

- Animal or Vegetable
- Plastic
- Cans
- Glass

Wood Materials

- Fence Posts
- Pallets
- Sawdust
- Wood Chips and Shavings
- Wood Mulch
- Painted, Stained, or Pressure-Treated Wood

Miscellaneous

- Chemical Containers
- Coated Wire
- Insulated Wire
- Rubber
- Tires
- Used Oil
- Motor Oil
- Industrial, Business, School, Church,
and Farm Waste

Open burning is any open flame in the environment.

LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN

Some open burning is legal, with restrictions. But many materials are illegal to burn. The Division for Air Quality can impose fines of up to \$25,000 per day per violation of the law. It pays to learn before you burn!

OPEN BURNING FACTS

Air pollution from open burning can cause •asthma •emphysema •heart attacks •birth defects •nervous system damage •other health problems. Children and the elderly are especially sensitive to the air pollution from open burning.

WHY IS IT BETTER TO SEND YOUR TRASH TO A LANDFILL?

Backyard burn barrels and woodstoves produce low temperature fires. Burning trash at low temperatures produces a lot of smoke and releases many toxic pollutants like dioxin/furans.

EPA has shown that open burning of garbage is the largest source of dioxins in the nation. Dioxin/furans have been linked to cancer in humans. Dioxin/furans from open burning end up in our water and soil. They accumulate in animal tissue and enter our food supply, especially in meat and dairy.

LEGAL OPEN BURNING

Agriculture

- Plant Beds
- Tobacco Curing
- Animal Carcasses (disease control)

Land Management

- Leaves (check local laws)
- Natural Growth from Land Clearing
- Tree Limbs Felled by Storms
- Weeds
- Natural Land Management

Construction Sites

- Warming Fires (clean lumber only)

Miscellaneous

- Camp Fires
- Ceremonial Bonfires
- Cooking
- Fire Training
- Household Paper Products

RESTRICTIONS

- When a fire emergency is declared, ALL open burning is prohibited.
- During fire hazard season, burning within 150 feet of any woodland area is allowed only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- From May-September, open burning is restricted in counties that have been designated nonattainment for ozone and particulate matter.
- **Do not** burn within 50 feet of any structure.
- **Do not** burn near landfills.
- **Do not** burn near streams or sinkholes.
- **Do not** burn near utility lines.

Be kind to your children. Be courteous to your neighbors. Follow the law. Do not burn illegally!