

Illegal Burning

- Outdoor fires pollute the air
- Smoke is unhealthy to breathe
- Properly dispose of waste
- You can be fined for illegal burning



Never burn these items:

 Newspaper, cardboard and other paper products. **X**

 Plastic and other synthetic materials. **X**

 Paints, household and agricultural chemicals. **X**

 Tires and other rubber products. **X**

 Asphalt shingles and heavy oils. **X**

 Lumber and other building materials. **X**

 Wire. **X**

 Buildings, mobile homes. **X**

Burning is sometimes allowed:

 *Leaves, branches and yard trimmings can be burned, if no public pickup is available and you follow DAQ guidelines and local ordinances. Do not burn on Code Red or Orange days in areas with air quality forecasts. For forecasts, call 1-888-784-6224 or visit www.ncair.org. You may need a burning permit from the Division of Forest Resources, www.dfr.state.nc.us or call 919-733-2162.*

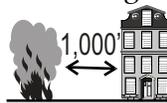
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Land Clearers

- Know the law when burning debris from land clearing
- You can be fined for illegal burning



 Burn piles must be at least 1,000 feet from occupied buildings.

 Piles must contain only natural vegetative materials.

 Fires must be started after 8 a.m., and new material can't be added after 6 p.m.

 Piles must be at least 250 feet from roads when the wind is blowing toward them.

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 Some local governments prohibit outdoor burning.

Smoke from open burning pollutes the air and is unhealthy to breathe. Potential health effects include: lung and eye irritation, headaches, dizziness, asthma attacks, coughing and even death. Recycle or properly dispose waste.

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