

BURNING GUIDANCE

The burning guidance stated below originates from the Commonwealth's Solid Waste Management Act, Act of July 7, 1980, P.L. 380, as amended, 35 P.S. §§6018.101-6018.1003 and the Air Pollution Control Act, Act of January 8, 1960, P.L. 2119, as amended, 35 P.S. §§ 4001-4015.

If a resident has further questions, they can contact the Northeast Regional Office at 570-826-2511 or file an environmental complaint at 1-866-255-5158.

ACCEPTABLE TO BURN	ILLEGAL TO BURN	ALTERNATIVES
<p><u>HOUSEHOLD WASTE</u> Burning of household waste is allowed when it is conducted on the premises of its origination and when the structure is occupied solely as a dwelling by two families or less.</p> <p><i>Household waste</i> is waste that results from the normal occupancy of the dwelling.</p>	<p>Items such as, furniture, tires, lumber, siding, insulation, processed & unprocessed construction & demolition waste, flooring, wallboard, roofing material, telephone poles, railroad ties, and insulation from electrical wiring should not be burned. Wastes such as plastic or Styrofoam that aren't regularly generated in the home should not be burned. <u>An operating Business is prohibited from burning any waste.</u></p>	<p>Much of the household waste stream can be recycled. Waste that cannot be recycled should be properly disposed of and burning should be a last resort option.</p>
<p><u>LAND CLEARING AND GRUBBING WASTE</u> Land clearing and grubbing waste (includes leaves, stumps, limbs, branches...) can be burned if it is generated on the property. This type of waste cannot be brought to a different site and burned or buried.</p>	<p>Commercial businesses cannot burn land clearing and grubbing waste if smoke is leaving the property and/or causing a nuisance.</p>	<p>Leaf and yard waste can be composted for future use or left on the property as wildlife habitat.</p>
<p><u>DEMOLITION WASTE/STRUCTURES</u> The only time demolition waste (demolished structures) can be burned is during approved FIRE TRAINING or when the combustible material provides a heating value.</p>	<p>The burning of condemned, partially burned buildings or abandoned buildings/structures for the sole purpose of disposal or for removing that structure from the present location is illegal.</p>	<p><u>FIRE TRAINING</u> Prior to the training, the three conditions listed below need to be met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire academy approval 2. DEP approval 3. Asbestos removal requirements <p>Building materials can be salvaged and reused/recycled.</p>