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IF YOU'RE BURNING
GARBAGE, YOU'RE
MAKING POISON.
REPORT ILLEGAL
BURNING TODAY.

CONTACT US

Do you have questions
or concerns about
illegal burning?

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ILLEGAL BURNING



WHAT IS ILLEGAL BURNING?

Illegal burning is the burning of garbage in barrels, open pits, outdoor furnaces, wood stoves, or fireplaces. Burning garbage is harmful to your health and the environment. The burning of garbage, even seemingly harmless materials like paper, cardboard, yard waste, and construction debris releases a hazardous mixture of cancer-causing compounds and other toxic substances when burned.

ILLEGAL BURNING BYLAW

According to section 3.3 of the Solid Waste Municipal Bylaw, illegal burning is defined as the burning of waste resources in a "barrel, stove or other device or in the open as a method of waste disposal, except for brush, tree limbs and milled wood that is free from adhesives, coatings and preservatives but only when, and in such manner as such exceptional burning is permitted by law". Fines for illegal burning can range from \$500 to \$5,000.

WHO ILLEGAL BURNING AFFECTS

- Those directly exposed to the smoke
- Children
- People with sensitive respiratory systems and conditions such as asthma
- Senior citizens

HEALTH RISKS

Exposure to toxins released from burning garbage can pose serious health risks including:

- Cancer
 - Liver problems
 - Nausea
 - Headaches
 - Rashes
 - Increased risk of heart disease
- And more...

TOXINS IN YOUR GARBAGE

Harmful pollutants contained in the smoke from burning garbage can include:

- PCBs
- Lead
- Mercury
- Furans
- Dioxins
- Arsenic
- Lead

