

BURNING GARBAGE IS ILLEGAL!

BREATHING POLLUTED SMOKE from the burning of household garbage (like plastics, treated wood, tires or coated paper) can cause respiratory problems for your family or neighbors.

YOU CAN BURN YARD WASTE, like dry branches and vegetation. However, burning may be prohibited during forest fire season... March 1 through May 31 and Oct. 1 through Dec 31.

KNOW THE LAW!

NEVER LEAVE FIRES UNATTENDED!

When burning yard waste, keep a shovel and some water nearby. The majority of wildfires are caused by people and their carelessness!

OPEN BURNING of your household garbage can allow toxic ash to settle on farm crops, grazing areas, streams and gardens, getting chemicals into the food we consume.



AS AN ALTERNATIVE to burning, try recycling or taking advantage of the free landfill day in your area.

TO LEARN MORE before you open burn or to report illegal burning, call the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality (866-568-6649, ext.1229) or go to www.dep.wv.gov and click on Air -- Open Burning Regulations.