

IF YOU BURN THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.



THE LAW.

Burning household waste has been illegal in Minnesota since 1969. Only farm households with no garbage pickup service available to them, as determined by their county board, are permitted to burn or bury some household waste items, and only then if specific environmental guidelines are followed.

Minnesota law requires a burning permit for ALL open burning, city or rural, except cooking and camp fires. With a permit, it is legal to burn grass, yard clippings, leaves, woody vegetation, clean scrap lumber and paper products - but no garbage. Burning is only allowed within a specified time period and must be

attended until it is completely out. The fire should never be allowed to smolder. Burning without a permit will result in legal action. Permits are obtained at any Minnesota DNR Forestry Office or from local township fire wardens. All residents considering burning are cautioned that they are legally liable for suppression costs and damages for any fire that gets out of control.

For more information about the dangers of backyard burning, please contact:

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