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LEGAL OUTDOOR BURNING

- (1) **OK** to burn domestic waste (household trash), from a single residence.
 - a. This does not include commercial waste
 - b. Other people are not allowed to bring their trash to your property to be burned.
- (2) **OK** to burn diseased animal carcass when burning is the most effecting means of controlling the spread of disease.
- (3) **OK** to burn plant growth.
- (4) **OK** to burn crop residue
- (5) **OK** to burn brush
- (6) **OK** to burn non-treated wood
- (7) **OK** Agricultural burns/ Prescribed Burns

BURN RULES

- (1) Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure located on adjacent property, unless prior consent is obtained.
- (2) **PROHIBITED MATERIALS:** Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must **NOT** be burned.
- (3) Burning must start no earlier than one hour after sunrise
- (4) Burning must be completed no later than one hour before sunset.
- (5) Burning shall not be conducted if wind speeds are less than 6 mph or greater than 23 mph.
- (6) You must remain with the fire at all times, with a water source nearby.

LEGAL FIRES DURING A BURN BAN

- (1) BBQ fires are permitted as long as they are contained to a BBQ pit or fire ring.
 - a. Be sure to discard your coals and ashes safely by dousing them in water once finished cooking. Do **NOT** discard coals or ashes in a trashcan. Dispose of them in a non-flammable container.
- (2) Trash: You are allowed to burn household trash as long as it is burned in a barrel with a screen top.
 - a. Be sure to stay out with the fire and have a water source nearby.
- (3) Recreational Fires (i.e. campfires, fire pits) are allowed as long as they are kept in a "fire ring" to prevent spread of fire. These fires cannot be unattended, and you must keep a water source nearby. This does **NOT** include brush piles.

If you are unsure if you can burn, you contact our office at (830) 303-8856.