

**LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN!**

**What you should  
know about**

**Open**



**Burning**

**in Tennessee**

Call TDEC at **1-888-891-TDEC**

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**Alert Tennesseans know burning trash outdoors is:**

- harmful to the air we breathe
- unhealthy for our neighbors – near and far
- unsafe
- often unnecessary

## **WHAT NOT TO BURN in TENNESSEE:**

- ⊗ Tires and other rubber products
- ⊗ Vinyl siding and vinyl shingles
- ⊗ Plastics and other synthetic materials
- ⊗ Paper products, cardboard and newspaper
- ⊗ Asphalt shingles, and other asphalt roofing materials and demolition debris
- ⊗ Asbestos-containing materials
- ⊗ Paints, household and agricultural chemicals
- ⊗ Aerosol cans and food cans
- ⊗ Building material and construction debris
- ⊗ Buildings and mobile homes
- ⊗ Copper wire and electrical wires
- ⊗ Household trash
- ⊗ Leaves, branches and trees not grown on site.

It may be okay to burn leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, lawn clippings, woody vegetation, yard trimmings, clean unpainted, uncoated wood or untreated lumber. Check your local and/or other state ordinances. Improper outdoor burning can lead to fines up to \$25,000.

## **THIS IS THE LAW in TENNESSEE**

**Alert Tennesseans know there are other options instead of outdoor burning:**

- Recycling
- Composting

**Help reduce air pollution in Tennessee  
by avoiding outdoor burning.**

**Got questions about outdoor burning?**

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Items	Is Item Okay To Burn		Proper Disposal Method
	YES	NO	
<b>Tires &amp; Other Rubber Products</b>		<b>X</b>	Counties are required by state law to provide a site for the collection and temporary storage of waste tires. Contact the office of your county executive or local solid waste office to learn the location of the waste tire storage site in your county.
<b>Plastics</b>		<b>X</b>	Plastics should be recycled or can be reused.
<b>Paper products, &amp; cardboard</b>		<b>X</b>	Paper, especially newspaper is collected everywhere. It is also suitable for composting.
<b>Paints &amp; Chemicals</b>		<b>X</b>	Tennessee has a mobile hazardous household waste service that goes from county to county every Saturday from mid-March to mid-November. Farmers bringing pesticide wastes to designated collection sites for disposal will remain anonymous and will not have to pay a fee for collection or disposal. All Tennessee farmers are eligible to participate.
<b>Aerosol and food cans</b>		<b>X</b>	Contact the local solid waste office or public landfill.
<b>Mobile homes &amp; buildings</b>		<b>X</b>	Contact the local solid waste office or public landfill.
<b>Building materials</b>		<b>X</b>	Contact the local solid waste office or public landfill.
<b>Copper &amp; electrical wires</b>		<b>X</b>	Metal recyclers accept wire.
<b>Household trash</b>		<b>X</b>	Use a public landfill. Take to local convenience center and/or use a paid collection service.
<b>Leaves &amp; trees not grown at burn site</b>		<b>X</b>	Compost yard trimmings or take to the public landfill. Check your local and/or other state ordinances for further restrictions on the open burning of leaves and trees.
<b>Asphalt shingles &amp; oils</b>		<b>X</b>	Contact the local solid waste office or public landfill. Put your used oil in a clean plastic container with a tight lid. Take your used oil to a service station. Used oil collection centers will collect up to 5 gallons a day from do-it-yourselfers. Call the Used Oil Hotline at <b>1-800-287-9013</b> for more information.