



What farmers need to know about **OPEN BURNING**

WHAT'S ALLOWED?



Clean Wood



Fence Row
Maintenance



Orchard
Maintenance



Nursery /
Tree Farm
Maintenance

WHAT'S PROHIBITED?



No Trash



No Chemicals
or Plastics



No Tires



No Buildings



No Land Clearing
Debris



No Packaging
Materials



**AGRICULTURAL/
VEGETATION
BURNING**

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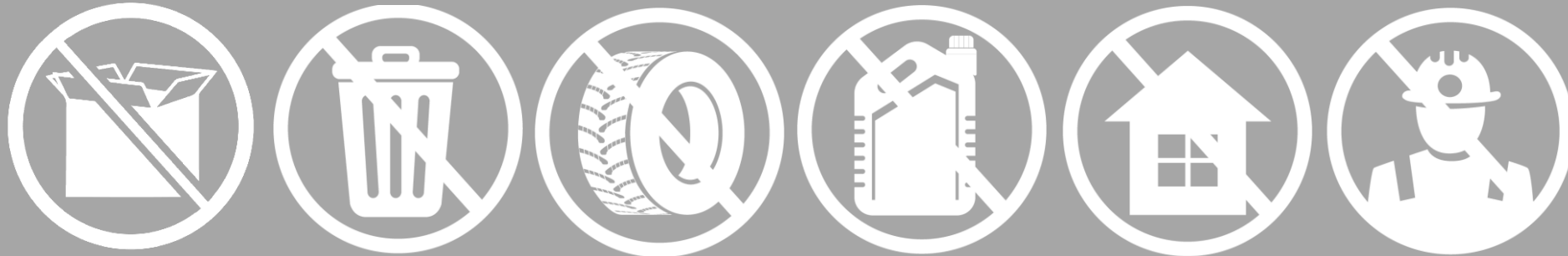
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What's Not Allowed?



- State law (Indiana Code 13-17-9) and administrative code (326 IAC 4-1) generally prohibit open burning.
- Many communities have adopted local open burning ordinances that must be complied with when applicable. Local open burning ordinances must be as stringent as, or more stringent than, the state rules.



What's Not Allowed?

No Land-
Clearing
Debris



No
Buildings

- Open burning of clean wood waste from land clearing for development or land-use change (i.e., from wooded area to row crop) requires prior written approval from IDEM.
- Houses or buildings may not be burned.
- Only vegetation from maintenance at a farm, orchard, nursery, tree farm, cemetery, drainage ditch, or agricultural land (same use maintenance) can be burned.



Agricultural Open Burning

Indiana Code (IC) 13-17-9-1 and Open Burning Rule 326 IAC 4-1 allow for burning of vegetation from agricultural land for maintenance purposes.

What can be burned?

- Vegetation from a farm, orchard, nursery, tree farm, or drainage ditch may be open burned for maintenance purposes.
- Only vegetation can be burned. Household trash, plastics, tires, building materials, demolition debris, coated or treated wood, asbestos, or any non-vegetation items cannot be burned.



Agricultural Open Burning

- The burning of vegetation must be for maintenance purposes only and not for clearing land or change in land use.
- Must occur in an unincorporated area and must be conducted on the site where the vegetation was generated.
- For more information, see the Agricultural Open Burning fact sheet at:
www.idem.IN.gov/files/factsheet_oaq_compliance_ag_open_burning.pdf



Agricultural and Maintenance Burning

A person may burn vegetation derived from the following land uses for maintenance purposes only:

- Farm
- Orchard
- Nursery
- Tree farm
- Cemetery
- Drainage ditch
- Unincorporated agriculture land

This type of burning is not allowed under the residential open burning exemption.





IDEM Online

Open burning:

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- Brochures, guidance, ordinances, and State forms.
- State law and regulations.
- Open burning video and tips on reducing yard waste.

File a complaint:

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- Three ways to file complaints (online, phone, or by U.S. mail).