

**Asheville-Buncombe  
Air Quality Agency**

## **OPEN BURNING RULES**

### **PROHIBITED BURNING**

Open burning is illegal at all times:

- Where public pickup is provided.
- It is always illegal to burn any materials, other than natural growth vegetation. Materials such as: Household trash; Paper; Cardboard; Plastic; Asphalt; Tires; Construction material; and Treated/Processed wood cannot be burned.
- It is illegal to burn any item on “Air Quality Action Days” (days with AQI forecasts of code orange, red, or purple).

Violators are subject to civil penalties up to \$25,000.

### **ALLOWED BURNING**

Where there is **no** public trash pickup:

- Hand-piled vegetation can be burned following the guidelines below. No permit from this Agency is required.
- Machine-piled vegetation can be burned if 500’ from any occupied building.
- Call our Open Burning Hotline at 250-6767.

### **Requirements for Burning**

- Only between 8:00 am and 6:00pm.
- At least 500 feet from any occupied building.
- Never on an Air Quality Action Day.
- Clean vegetation only-no dirt or stumps.
- Must not cause a nuisance.
- Fires should be attended.

### **TO REPORT ILLEGAL BURNING**

Business Hours: 8:00am through 5:00pm, call 250-6777

All other times, call 250-6650

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