



Q&A ON THE BURNING OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE

Here is information that may help you to identify the kind of waste you are allowed to burn if you are running an agricultural operation.

Q: What is agricultural waste burning?

A: It refers to "open burning in agricultural operations in the growing of crops or raising of fowls or animals". It includes materials related to the growing and harvesting of crops and which are used in the field.

Q: What are examples of agricultural waste that can be legally burned or can't be burned, if it is a burn day and I have the appropriate permit?

A: The table below lists some typical examples:

ALLOWED TO BE BURNED	NOT ALLOWED TO BE BURNED
dried plant or tree trimmings	construction or demolition debris
clean, dry non-glossy packing paper or cardboard cartons used in the field	plastic sheets or pipes
	railroad ties or other treated wood
packing crates used in the field	tires
untreated or unpainted wood used in the field	waste motor oil

Q: Can I burn garbage from my household?

A: No; household waste isn't considered agricultural waste burning. As of January 1, 2004, the burning of household garbage or rubbish was banned throughout the State.

If you have other questions about agricultural burning, you can either contact your local fire agency or your local Air Pollution Control District at (831) 647-9411.