

## ***OPEN BURNING TIPS FOR LOCAL-GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS***

The Kentucky Open Burning Regulations prohibit burning many things. Generally, you cannot burn materials outside at a residence, farm or business except for the following purposes:

- **Cook-outs and camp fire**
- **Burning heavy vegetation and weeds for farming purposes**
- **Burning leaves (check local ordinances)**
- **Burning household trash (paper products only)**
- **Land and fence row clearing**
- **Disposal of trees and limbs felled by storms**

You cannot burn things like old carpet or plastic. You cannot burn down a building, or burn or dump scrap wood from a building which has fallen or been torn down. You cannot use fires or heavy oils which create large amounts of toxic smoke to start even legal fires. Most open burning is not necessary. Brush could be composted, piled up for wildlife, or just left to rot. Your old attic junk could be given away for someone to reuse. By making a few sensible choices, you could reduce the amount of disposable materials you create in the first place.

The reason for these laws is toxic gases can be given off which are not good for people and are certainly not good for the environment. Burning in a sinkhole is one of the worst places to do this illegal activity, since sinkholes are directly connected to groundwater. Groundwater is the source of drinking water for 80% of rural Kentucky. You should be aware that the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the State Fire Marshal's Office and many city and county governments also have laws regarding open burning. When in doubt, call your county solid waste coordinator or the Division for Air Quality at (502) 573-3382.

**OPEN BURNING--THINK ABOUT IT.**



# NO BURNING BEFORE 6:00 PM



## NOTICE

KRS 149.400

**KENTUCKY FOREST FIRE HAZARD SEASONS ARE:**

**FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH APRIL 30  
AND OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15**

During the forest fire hazard seasons, even though the precautions required by KRS 149.375 have been taken, it is unlawful for any person to:



set fire to,



or to procure another to set fire to, any flammable material capable of spreading fire,



located in or within one hundred fifty feet (150') of any woodland or brushland,

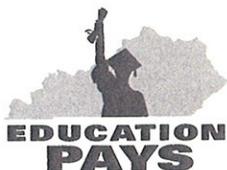


except between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., prevailing local time, or when the ground is covered with snow.

\*Other burning laws may apply. Check local ordinances and the KY Divisions of Air Quality and Waste Management before conducting any outdoor burning.

**REMEMBER, ALL FIRES SHOULD BE ATTENDED UNTIL EXTINGUISHED**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY OFFICE**  
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