

# BACKYARD BURNING RULES

## PROHIBITED

- Garbage
- Tires
- Rubber
- Plastic
- Waste Oil
- Asphalt Materials
- Asbestos
- Pressure-treated Wood
- Plywood

## WHY NOT BURN?

**Burning trash and debris is illegal and releases many harmful pollutants including:**

**Dioxin** – causes cancer, birth defects, and enters the food chain.

**HCB** – Persistent toxin that enters the food chain and is a probable carcinogen.

**Formaldehyde** – causes burning in eyes and throat, nausea, and difficult breathing.

**Hydrogen Chloride Gas** – causes fluid buildup in the lungs and possible ulceration of the respiratory tract.

**Particulates** – causes respiratory infection.

**Carbon Monoxide** – Prevents oxygen from being absorbed by the heart and lungs.

## OKAY

- Natural Wood- timber, logs, boles, trunks, branches, limbs, stumps, untreated lumber
- Clean Wood Pallets
- Leaves
- Brush



## QUESTIONS?

Please call your local fire warden prior to burning for a permit. Feel free to contact the Vermont DEC Air Quality and Climate Division at (802) 828-1288 with any questions or concerns.

***Recycle, Reuse, Respect***