

# Good Neighbor Burning

Tips for safe, respectful outdoor fires that protect your community and the environment.



Being a good neighbor when burning outdoors starts with safety, awareness, and respect for those around you. Taking these simple precautions below can help ensure outdoor burning is safe, responsible, and considerate for everyone in the community.



## Fire Preparation & Efficiency



Avoid burning yard debris that is still green—let it dry first.



Ensure your burn pile gets enough oxygen to burn hotter and reduce smoke.

## Weather & Environmental Conditions



Consider the weather before burning.



Watch for wind changes and inversion conditions that may trap smoke.



Delay burning if conditions aren't favorable.

## Health & Air Quality Awareness



Be aware that smoke can seriously impact people with respiratory conditions.

## Neighbor Consideration



Notify neighbors before you burn.



Be open to adjusting timing to reduce impacts on others.

## Regulations & Compliance

Following regulations is an essential part of responsible outdoor burning. Always adhere to the conditions outlined in your burn permit, as these rules are designed to protect public safety, air quality, and the surrounding community.

Failing to comply with permit requirements can lead to complaints from neighbors or enforcement actions, which may result in the immediate cancellation of your permit. Staying informed and compliant helps ensure that burning remains a safe and acceptable practice for everyone.



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