

NYS DEC Burning Law – Effective 10/14, 2009

Burning trash is prohibited statewide in all cases.

Recycle all materials (newspapers, paper, glass, plastic) and compost your organic kitchen and garden wastes.

No burning leaves – we encourage you to compost them.

No burning of pesticides, plastics, or other non-organic material

No burning of tires and other wastes for smudge

WHAT IS ALLOWED:

- > Campfires less than 3' in height and 4' in length, width or diameter
- > Small cooking fires
- > Burning tree limbs with attached leaves (limbs must be less than 6" in diameter and 8' in length – not allowed from March 16th – May 14th due to increased risk of wildfires). Only charcoal or clean, dry, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned. Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- > Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires

REPORT ILLEGAL OPEN FIRE TO 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332).

Check with NYSDEC Section 215 (215.3) for exceptions.