Illegal Burning

- Outdoor fires pollute the air
- Smoke is unhealthy to breathe
- Properly dispose of waste
- You can be fined for illegal burning

Never burn these items:

- Newspaper, cardboard and other paper products.
- Plastic and other synthetic materials.
- Paints, household and agricultural chemicals.
- Tires and other rubber products.
- Asphalt shingles and heavy oils.
- Lumber and other building materials.
- Wire.
- Buildings, mobile homes.

Burning is sometimes allowed:

Leaves, branches and yard trimmings can be burned, if no public pickup is available and you follow DAQ guidelines and local ordinances. Do not burn on Code Orange, Red or Purple days in areas with air quality forecasts. For forecasts, call 1-888-784-6224 or visit www.ncair.org. You may need a burning permit from the N.C. Forest Service; visit www.ncforestservice.gov or call 919-857-4801.

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