

Did You Know?

Generally, Arkansans may burn yard waste that is collected from the property it is grown on. Residential open burning of yard waste is strongly discouraged but permissible in some areas of Arkansas under specified conditions Ark. Code Ann § 8-6-1703. Both state and local authorities may limit the practice of the open burning of yard waste. By law, open burning yard waste can be prohibited in a particular area of the state or throughout the entire state when:

- It becomes a local nuisance.
- It creates a fire or safety hazard.
- It pollutes the air and DEQ believes

it will create a situation whereby the National Ambient Air Quality Standards could be exceeded in a given area.



ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING YARD WASTE:



LAWN MULCHING

Leave grass clippings on your lawn to add nutrients back into the soil and improve lawn health.



CHIPPING

Add chipped brush or pruning, to increase nutrients. Chippers are often available for rent.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Collect and separate yard waste, organic material, and recyclables and set them out for curbside collection. Check with your local government or waste management company for local services.



COMPOSTING

Compost yard waste to recycle organic material and add nutrients back into the soil. Generally, compost consists of not only yard waste but also kitchen waste such as eggshells, coffee grounds, and vegetable peelings.

CONTACTS:

- 🔥 Report pollution problems from open burning to: DEQ Office of Air Quality, 501-682-0773
- 🔥 Report nuisance, fire, or safety complaints about open burning to: Your local fire station, police or sheriff's office
- 🔥 Waste management options: <https://www.adeg.state.ar.us/sw/programs/rswmd.aspx>