



What You Can and Cannot Burn at Your Home or Business Under Illinois Law



If you live in any town:

It is **ILLEGAL** to burn anything except for landscape waste*. However, local ordinances may limit the burning of landscape waste.

If you live within a mile of a town with a population of 1,000 or more:

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If you do not live in a town or within a mile of a town with a population of 1,000 or more:

It is **LEGAL** to burn household waste that is generated on the property as a result of normal household activities, except for food, food scraps, and food packaging. Burning trash may be legal in these areas, but is an **unhealthy** disposal method. Please take a safe and healthy approach to waste disposal.

What are some examples of waste that can *NEVER* be burned?

- Commercial waste
- Food
- Food packaging
- Food scraps
- Furniture
- Construction/demolition debris
- Tires

****What about landscape waste?***

Landscape waste is only allowed to be burned on the premises where it is generated so long as a local ordinance does not limit the burning of it.

What about commercial waste?

Open burning of commercial/trade waste in a burn barrel or otherwise by business, industry and government institutions is **ILLEGAL** in the State of Illinois except for landscape waste generated on the property or agricultural waste under limited circumstances. Local laws may limit open burning of landscape waste.



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