



What farmers need to know about **OPEN BURNING**

WHAT'S ALLOWED?



Clean Wood



Fence Row
Maintenance



Orchard
Maintenance



Nursery /
Tree Farm
Maintenance

WHAT'S PROHIBITED?



No Trash



No Chemicals
or Plastics



No Tires



No Buildings



No Land Clearing
Debris



No Packaging
Materials



AGRICULTURAL/ VEGETATION BURNING

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Agricultural Maintenance in Indiana

Open burning is prohibited in the state of Indiana. However, Indiana Code (IC) 13-17-9-1 and Open Burning Rule 326 IAC 4-1 exempts certain types of open burning for agricultural maintenance purposes.

Maintenance Burning of Vegetation Exemption:

- Only vegetation from maintenance at a farm, orchard, nursery, tree farm, cemetery, drainage ditch, or agricultural land can be burned.
- Burning must be conducted on the site where the vegetation was generated.
- The burning of vegetation must be for maintenance purposes only, and not for clearing land or change in land use.
- Farms and businesses may not burn trash or business waste for disposal purposes.

These rules **must** always be followed:

- Only vegetation can be burned. Materials such as household trash, plastics, tires, building materials, demolition debris, coated or treated wood, asbestos, or any non-vegetation items cannot be burned.
- Agricultural land open burning must occur in an unincorporated area.
- Burning must be done during safe weather conditions, not during high winds or when the air is stagnant.
- Fires must be attended until completely extinguished.
- Fires must be extinguished if they create a nuisance or fire hazard.
- Want to learn more? Visit IDEM's open burning site at www.idem.IN.gov/openburning.

To report illegal open burning, call the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (800) 451-6027, option 3.



Recycle when possible



Properly dispose of trash, chemicals and/or debris