

Prohibited to Burn List

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The materials on this list are prohibited from being burned, partially burned or incinerated.

A person who carries on any kind of burning must ensure that these materials are not burned, partially burned or incinerated, unless specifically permitted under another provincial regulation, such as the Agricultural Environmental Management Code of Practice, or at an authorized facility that is permitted or complies with provincial regulations. This list can also be found in Schedule 1 of the **Waste Discharge Regulation** in section 2 of the Schedule. These materials are also not permitted to be used as accelerant materials for open burning, nor may they be burnt in any wood stove, fireplace or other wood burning appliance:

- animal carcasses and waste from animal slaughtering
- asphalt or asphalt products
- batteries
- biomedical waste
- carpets
- construction waste other than lumber that has not been treated with wood preservatives or other chemicals and is not coated with paint, varnish, oil or other finishing material
- demolition waste
- drywall
- domestic waste
- electrical wire
- fibreglass and other fibre-reinforced polymers
- fuel and lubricant containers
- furniture and appliances
- hazardous waste
- manure
- paint and varnish
- plastics
- polystyrene foam
- railway ties
- rubber
- tar paper
- tires
- treated or painted wood products
- used oil

For information on options for proper disposal of these materials you can contact your local government or look for recycling programs in B.C. by visiting the [Recycling Council of BC website](#).

How do I report possible illegal burning?

Anyone impacted by smoke from burning activities or witnessing illegal burning can contact the 24-hour RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) tip line: 1 877 952-7277 (RAPP) or #7277 on the TELUS Mobility Network. If the situation is not an emergency, report the incident online by following the links on the **Conservation Officer Service RAPP webpage**.

Persons preparing for or conducting an open burn should review and comply with the legal provisions set out in the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation. This factsheet provides summary information only.

More Information

For additional information see the Ministry's [Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation](#) webpage or send your inquiry to: OBSCR@gov.bc.ca