



Open Burning (Unincorporated Polk County)

This mailer provides information about open burning regulations affecting you, your neighbors or smoke sensitive individuals living in your area.

Did you know? It is **illegal** to burn these materials in an outdoor fire anywhere in Polk County.

- Garbage
- Paint
- Cardboard
- Tires
- Plastics Containers
- Metals
- Asphalt
- Petroleum Products
- Lumber
- Paper
- Demolition Debris
- Construction Debris
- Household Waste



ALLOWED materials (Unincorporated Polk County, Iowa) Landscape waste originating on your property: yard waste, grass clippings, leaves, twigs, small branches, etc. Burning of hauled-in landscape waste is prohibited. The material must originate or grow on your own property.

Regulatory Notice: Currently open burning is allowed by regulation in unincorporated Polk County. However, open burning may be restricted if a public nuisance is created by the unreasonable or excessive open burning activities.

- Under Polk County regulations & Iowa Code the open burning of certain materials is illegal and subject to penalties.
- PCBOH Chapter V, Section 5-7 prohibits open burning of any hazardous waste, animal waste, animal bedding materials, oils, any household waste, garbage, refuse, plastics, construction materials, tires, wire, insulation, dimensional lumber within Polk County.
- Violations may result in legal action including fines of \$100-\$500.

If you have questions or comments regarding open burning within Polk County contact us at (515)-286-3705 or Email: airquality@polkcountyiowa.gov