POLK COUNTY Leading the Way Can I Burn?	Yes (with a permit)	No (under any circumstances)	Maybe (see footnotes)	Yes (Exempt)
Agricultural				
Can I burn "trade waste"?		\checkmark		
Can I burn "agricultural structures"?		\checkmark		
Can I burn paper or plastic pesticide containers and seed corn bags?	\checkmark			
Can I burn "landscape waste" originating on my property? ¹			\checkmark	
Can I burn "landscape waste" not origninating on my property?		\checkmark		
Can I burn land part of a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	\checkmark			
Is there an exemption for land zoned agricultural? ²			\checkmark	

1. It is unlawful to burn landscape waste produced from agricultural activities in these cities. However, you may apply for a "Variance" Permit which involves a 2-week public notification and comment period for any residence within 1/4-mile of the burn site.

2. There is no exemption for land zoned agricultural in these cities. However, you may apply for a "Variance" Permit which involves a 2-week public notification and comment period for any residence within 1/4-mile of the burn site.

Polk County Chapter V, Article I, Section 5-2 Definitions:

"Agricultural Structures" means barns, machine sheds, storage cribs, animal confinement buildings, and homes located on the premises and used in conjunction with crop production, livestock or poultry raising and feeding operations.

"Landscape waste" means any vegetable or plant wastes, except garbage. The term includes trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and yard trimmings.

"Trade waste " means all solid or liquid material or rubbish resulting from building operations, construction, demolition operations, or the conduct of any business industry, governmental or institutional activity, or trade, including, but not limited to, chemicals, cinders, grease, paint, plastic products, and other forms of liquid or solid waste materials, whether or not for profit.

"Variance " means a temporary waiver from rules, regulations or standards governing the quality, nature, duration or extent of emissions granted by the Health Officer for a specified period of time.