



Public Service Announcement

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You burn it, you breathe it

PSA #1

SPOKANE – Burning garbage today isn't the same as a generation ago. Today, with so much plastic in our garbage, using a burn barrel puts your family's health at risk!

Cancer, birth defects, learning disabilities and asthma are a few of the health problems caused by the toxic chemicals released from a burn barrel.

Instead of burning your waste, use your local garbage collection service or take it to the county landfill. Better yet, compost and recycle.

Remember, if you burn it, you breathe it.

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PSA #2

SPOKANE - Did you know burn barrels are illegal in the state of Washington? With fines of up to ten-thousand dollars per violation, burning is not a cheap way to get rid of your garbage!

Add in the medical bills from related health problems, such as cancer and asthma, and the costs just don't add up!

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PSA#3

SPOKANE – Instead of burning your trash or yard waste, consider these alternatives.

Many things, like paper, plastic, glass and pop cans may be recycled.

You also can compost your plant waste – vegetables, fruit, yard and lawn-clippings – to create rich soil for your plants and gardens.

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