

**All garbage releases toxic chemicals  
when burned. Even paper.**

There are options to backyard burning:  
*Reduce Re-use Recycle*



**You burn it,  
you breathe it**

For more information about alternatives  
to burning, please contact:

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**Burning garbage releases dioxins  
that settle in the food we eat.**

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**One burn barrel releases as much toxin  
as a municipal incinerator.**

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**The smoke from burn barrels can  
cause cancer, asthma and infertility -  
to name a few.**



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**Burn barrels are illegal.**

Burning garbage has been banned in Washington for more than 30 years.

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**It's not your grandfather's garbage.**

Today's trash contains *plastic, metals, rubber, synthetics* and other material that did not exist a generation ago.



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