

What's the Alternative?

- Dispose of man-made materials at the dump
- Compost organic kitchen and garden waste
- Chip branches and clearing debris
- Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

Reduce: Stop collecting so much garbage. Buy items with less packaging -DEMAND IT!
Re-use: Have a yard sale, or donate unwanted items.
Recycle: Beverage containers, paper, cardboard, metal, and acceptable plastic.



**CALL THE
RECYCLING HOTLINE:
1-800-667-4321**

What about the cost?

Many residents burn garbage in their yard or wood stove to avoid dump fees and the hassle of hauling their trash to the dump. The cost and inconvenience are much less troublesome than poisoning your family and neighbours...or getting fined.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE AT
THE DUMP TO DISPOSE OF
SEPARATED RECYCLABLES
OR GARDEN WASTE**



Who do you call?

*If garbage smoke is a problem
in your neighbourhood:*

**In the City of Port Alberni call:
Port Alberni Fire Department
724-1351**

**In the Regional District call:
Ministry of Environment
1-877-952-RAPP**

If the problem persists:

- Take a picture - this may be helpful for enforcement officers.
- Request help from your city councillors or regional director.

Spread the News

Tell your friends, neighbours, and elected officials about the danger of backyard burning - and the clean air alternatives. Give them a copy of this brochure. Support the development of bylaw protection and other government efforts to cut down on smoke from all sources.

For more info check out these web sites:

- www.burnbarrel.org
- www.compost.org
- www.bc.lung.ca
- www.ecosuperior.com
- www.ecy.wa.gov
- <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/air/airquality>

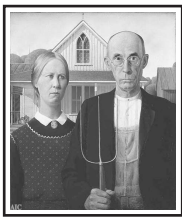
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You **burn** it, you **breathe** it

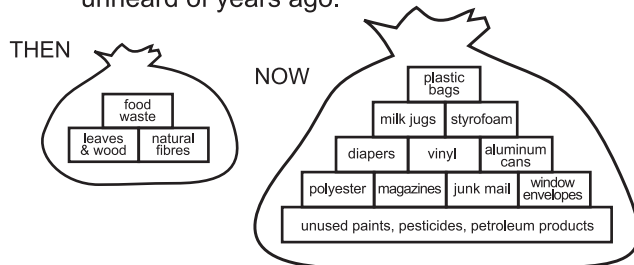


**If you're burning
garbage,
you're making
poison!**



Its not your grandfather's garbage

- We produce way more garbage than our grandparents did ...
- Today's garbage is full of materials that didn't exist a generation ago.
- Buring our garbage produces pollution unheard of years ago.



It's time to kick the habit!



Burning Garbage is Illegal

(In your yard or wood stove!)

Under the Environmental Management Act of British Columbia, pollution caused by the open burning of prohibited materials could lead to costly ticketing, court proceedings, fines, and even jail time!

Prohibited materials include:

Domestic waste	Plastics
Demolition waste	Paint
Tar paper	Treated lumber
Manure	Lubricant containers
Asphalt products	Fuel containers
Drywall	Railway ties
Rubber	Special waste
Tires	Biomedical Waste

Did you know?

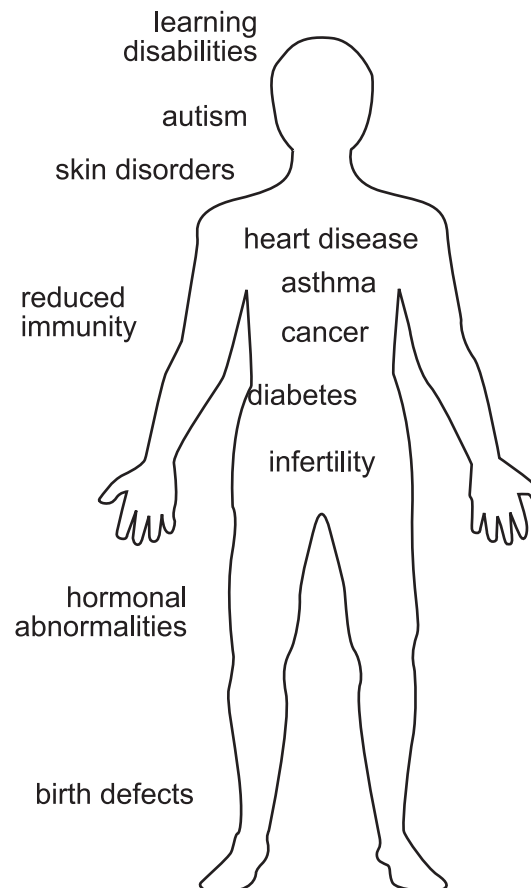
- Smoke from burn barrels can cause **CANCER**, **ASTHMA**, and **INFERTILITY**... to name a few.
- All garbage releases toxic chemicals when burned...even paper!
- One burn barrel releases as much toxins as a municipal incinerator serving thousands of families.



Backyard trash burning is one of the largest known sources of dioxins and furans in Canada. It produces more dioxins and furans in the United States than all other sources combined. It is a huge source of uncontrolled pollution around the world.

Warning

Burn barrels are especially bad because the fires burn at low temperatures, receive little oxygen, and produce lots of toxic smoke - right at ground level, where they are easily inhaled.



What goes up ... must come down

(no, it doesn't disappear)



In your yard or wood stove, burning garbage releases many extremely toxic chemicals that contaminate our air, water, and land. Dioxins, for example, settle in the food we eat, ending up stored in our fat. They are known to cause many disorders, diseases, and defects - especially in babies.

THE DIOXIN, TCDD, IS THE MOST LETHAL HUMAN MADE POISON NEXT TO RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

**Did you know ...
BURNING IN A BARREL
IS ILLEGAL
IN THE CITY OF PORT ALBERNI**