



Solid Waste Burning Prohibition

Below is some information about burning of solid waste ("solid waste" means recyclable materials, compostables, and residual garbage):

Burning of solid waste is an offence under the **Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw**, section 3.3 as quoted below:

*"No person shall burn solid waste in the Valley Region in a barrel, stove or other device or in the open as a method of waste disposal, **except for brush, tree limbs and milled wood that is free from adhesives, coatings, and preservatives**, but only where such exceptional burning is otherwise permitted by law."*

(i.e. burning of leaves, painted or treated wood, composite wood, paper and plastic products, shingles, rubber, food items, and garbage is illegal)

Such burning is also against *Solid Waste Regulations* and *Clean Air Regulations* under the *Nova Scotia Environment Act*. Please note that in some communities, any burning of brush and clean wood is prohibited by municipal bylaws. Violations of the Act and the bylaws may result in tickets or prosecution in Provincial Court.

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources recently **changed rules and dates for the domestic brush burning and campfires**. Wildfire-risk season runs from March 15 to October 15. You don't need to pay for a permit for domestic burning. You don't even need to get one. However, you must check the new online map before you burn brush. Check online at novascotia.ca/burnsafe or call toll free 1-855-564-2876 to find out where and when conditions allow for safe burning. The information is updated daily.

Solid waste may be set out for curbside collection on your regular collection day every two weeks, or you can bring it to the Waste Management Centres in Kentville or Lawrencetown. There are also special Clean-up Days for heavy items. Leaves can be composted in the backyard or delivered to the Centres free of charge.

If you require more information please feel free to contact our office at tel. 902-679-1325 or 1-877-927-8300 (toll free), or by email: info@vwrm.com. It is our job to help you.

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