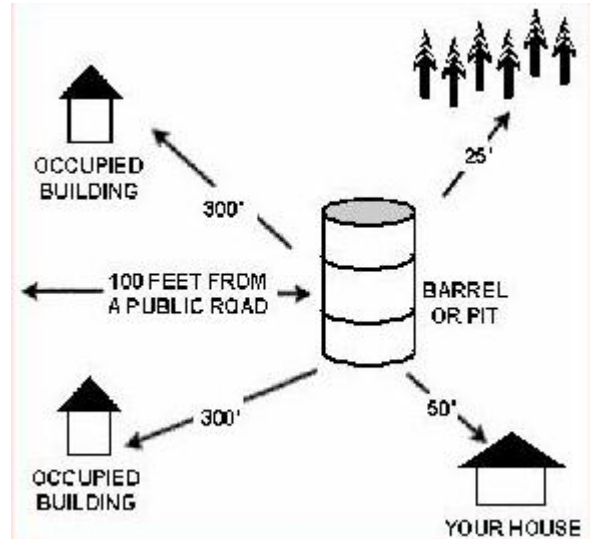
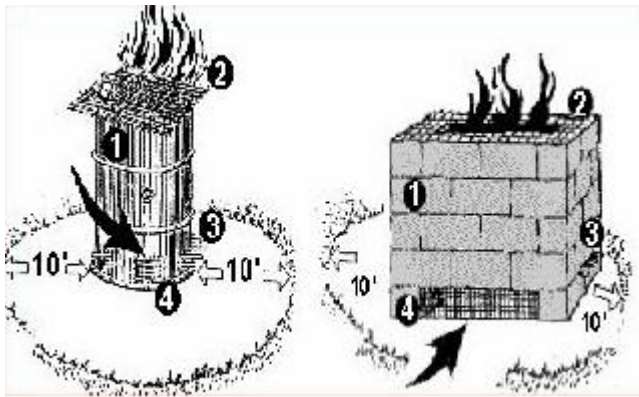


WILLISTON FIRE/RESCUE

Burning Regulations

Does your burn areas look like this?



You are legally allowed to burn yard debris without a permit from the Division of Forestry **ONLY** if you follow these rules:

- ▶ Burn only yard trash such as trees, leaves, or branches and paper products.
- ▶ Use an enclosed, noncombustible container such as a metal barrel.
- ▶ Cover the nonflammable container with a metal mesh or grill that is designed to prevent hot ash and embers from escaping.
- ▶ Place the container at least **50** feet from structures on your property, **300** feet from structures on your neighbor's property, **100** feet from a public highway or road, and **25** feet from woodlands, forest, or brush.
- ▶ Burn debris after 9AM, and extinguish it one hour before sunset.
- ▶ Monitor your fire at all times and make sure it does not produce smoke, soot, odors, visible emissions, heat, or flames that cause a nuisance.

YOU MAY NOT BURN REGULAR HOUSEHOLD TRASH, PLASTIC, RUBBER, ROOFING MATERIALS, TAR, TIRES, ETC.

Illegal burns can turn deadly

You work two jobs, and your home is starting to look like a landfill. Storms just rumbled through your neighborhood snapping power-lines and downing trees and branches.

This weekend is the weekend; you plan to take action and burn that excess yard trash.

Stop. Wait. Listen. Learn. Outdoor burning could turn disastrous, if you don't follow the law.

"A small yard trash fire can escape, get out of control, and burn a neighbor's home or vehicle. Or even worse, it could hurt or kill someone".

The person who initially started the fire is ultimately responsible for any damage it may cause. That includes not only the cost of fire suppression but also damage to a neighbor's property, home, or vehicle.

"The first time we respond to your house for an illegal burn, you'll receive a written warning; the second time, you'll receive a fine from DOF; and the third time, the violation will be turned over to the State Attorney's

If a fire ignites at your home:

- ▶ Don't wait; call 911 FIRST. A house fire can double in size every minute.
- ▶ Don't try to extinguish the fire yourself. If you do, you could suffer severe burns even death.