

Lewiston Regional Office

Air Quality Awareness Week

May 2–6, 2016

In the Lewiston region, open burning of trade, construction, and demolition wastes, dilapidated buildings/structures, as well as household garbage is a concern.

Trade Waste—Idaho prohibits the open burning of trade waste, which is defined as “any solid, liquid or gaseous material resulting from the construction or demolition of any structure, or the operation of any business, trade or industry including, but not limited to, wood product industry waste such as sawdust, bark, peelings, chips, shavings and cull wood.”

For contractors, developers, and builders, trade waste includes materials generated during construction, renovation, demolition, or repair of buildings. Common construction waste materials include lumber, shingles, plywood, insulation, cardboard, and plastics. All of these materials and other wastes generated by building projects are considered trade wastes and may not be burned.

For more information, visit

deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/burning/trade-waste/
deq.idaho.gov/media/396034-business_waste_flyer.pdf

Illegal Open Burning



Household Garbage



Trade Waste



Structural Waste



Farm Waste



Burning Alternatives—Residential backyard or outdoor burning affects the environment and your health, so consider alternatives to avoid burning such as recycling paper products, composting yard and kitchen scraps, using a chipper to create chips for mulch and compost, disposing of waste at the landfill, and taking hazardous materials (oil-based paints, solvents, household chemicals, and car fluids) to a hazardous waste collection site. As a community, we must all look for ways to reduce our impact on air quality and protect the health of our families and neighbors.

For more information, visit

[Recycling in Idaho](http://www2.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home)
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[Air Avengers: Smoke and Pollution](#)



When an alternative to burning is not available, check with your local fire protection district and the Department of Lands to see if a permit is required, and call DEQ’s air quality advisory hotline to check on areas with burning regulations.

For more information, visit

[Know Before You Burn](#)
[Light it Right!](#)

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