



Bonfire Guidelines



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Materials

Only burn dry material – freshly cut material causes more smoke.

Never burn household rubbish, rubber, plastic, foam (including furniture) or paint.

Avoid lighting in unsuitable weather conditions. These include:

- damp, still days
- very windy days
- during the nights or within an hour of sunrise and sunset (wind speeds typically drop during these period, reducing the dispersion of any smoke)
- If the wind direction is going to blow it towards neighbours property.

When lighting your bonfire

Keep your fire away from trees, fences and buildings.

Never use oil, petrol or other flammable material to light a fire.

Don't set light to a large amount of waste all at once. It is better to have a small fire, make sure it is burning well, and then add small amounts of material at a time. This will minimise the amount of smoke.

Never leave a fire unattended, or leave it to smoulder overnight – make sure it is completely out.

Locate the bonfire away from houses to minimise the possibility of smoke affecting neighbours. Modern estates tend to have smaller gardens and your neighbours' houses are much nearer than for older properties. The possibility of causing a nuisance is increased as a result. The advice in this situation is not to have a bonfire in any circumstances.



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