

Alternatives to Burning

PICKUP

Use curbside brush pickup offered by:

- Chattanooga
- Collegedale
- East Ridge
- Lookout Mountain
- Red Bank
- Signal Mountain



DROP OFF

City of Chattanooga Landfill

9327 Birchwood Pike
Harrison, TN 37341
423- 326-1566

RECYCLE

Chip or grind brush - reuse the chips for mulch



Wood Recycling Center

3925 North Hawthorne Street
Chattanooga, TN 37406
(423) 697-9702

SHRED

Dispose of paper by shredding it.

Orange Grove Document Shredding

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.—3 p.m.

\$5 per banker box
460 Dodson Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 493-2925

Better Business Bureau's Semi-Annual "Secure Your ID Day" in April & October

Call for exact dates and times.
(423) 266-6144



Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau

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6125 Preservation Dr., STE 140,
Chattanooga, TN 37416-3740

Phone: 423-643-5970

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Don't Get Burned

Know the Law Before
Burning in Hamilton County

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Air Pollution Control Bureau
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Chattanooga, TN 37416-3740
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Burning Information

Burning leaves, brush, and other vegetation creates smoke. Smoke contains a number of hazardous air pollutants, increasing ground-level ozone and fine

particle pollution. These pollutants cause health effects ranging from allergies to cancer.

Restricting burning is a primary control measure in reducing summertime pollution by at least four tons

per day, allowing Hamilton County to meet federal health standards set by the EPA.



Seasonal Burning with a Permit

- Burning to dispose of natural vegetation is allowed October 1st to April 30th, with a current permit. This includes burning in a pit or barrel.
- Only vegetation and clean, untreated, raw, non-manufactured wood (*generated from the burn location*) may be burned.
- Burning is restricted to certain daylight hours, depending on the time of the year.
- Anyone burning during the seasonal ban, during the burn season without a permit, or fails to comply with the conditions could be assessed a civil penalty up to \$25,000 per day.

No burning is allowed from May 1—Sept. 30 each year.

Get a Permit

A permit to burn *must* be obtained each burn season (October 1 to April 30.) Permits are issued for those planning to burn:

- vegetation and clean, untreated, raw, non-manufactured wood, and
- a total amount of allowed material less than two acres in a burn season.

Fees and Inspections

Burn Location	Fee	Inspection
Chattanooga Collegedale East Ridge Red Bank	\$60	Yes
Lakesite Lookout Mountain Signal Mountain Soddy Daisy Uninc. Hamilton County	\$10	No

A **Controlled Burning Permit** must be obtained when clearing and burning two acres or more of land. The fee is \$400 and requires a blower.

Recreational Fire

Only recreational fires are allowed during the seasonal burning ban. A recreational fire is a cooking or campfire that uses charcoal or firewood, is no more than three feet in diameter, and is for cooking, enjoyment, or ceremonial purposes.

Burning Checklist

Burning permit application fees are non-refundable. Below is a pre-inspection checklist.

Answer Yes or No to the following questions:

1. Is burning the only practical method of disposal?
2. Is the material to be burned vegetation, and/or raw, untreated, non-manufactured wood?
3. Is the burn site more than 100 feet from my neighbor's structure?
4. Can I burn between the designated hours?
5. Can I burn without creating a nuisance to my neighbors?

If you answered NO to any of these questions, we recommend finding an alternative method of disposal. Possible alternatives are listed on the back of this brochure.

Materials Illegal to Burn

- paper
- cardboard
- plywood/OSB
- engineered wood products
- vinyl siding
- insulation
- painted or stained wood
- pressure treated wood
- PVC pipe
- tires
- stumps
- "green" wood
- roofing materials
- sheet rock
- plastics
- household garbage
- other obviously polluting items

