

Alternatives to Burning

PICKUP

Use curbside brush pickup offered by:

- Chattanooga
- Collegedale
- East Ridge
- Lookout Mountain
- Red Bank
- Signal Mountain
- Soddy Daisy (summer months only)



RECYCLE

Chip or grind brush and reuse for mulch.

Wood Recycling Center

3925 North Hawthorne Street
Chattanooga, TN 37406
423.697.9702

Birchwood II Landfill (construction & debris)

9327 Birchwood Pike
Harrison, TN 37341
423.486.9427

Paper Disposal

Dispose of paper by shredding or recycling it.

“Secure Your ID Day” Better Business Bureau’s Semi-Annual Shred Day

Call 423.266.6144 for
exact dates and times.



Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau

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DON'T GET BURNED



Know the Law Before Burning in Hamilton County

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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, helping Hamilton County meet federal air quality health standards set by the EPA.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is a burning permit NOT required?

Recreational Fire - a cooking fire or campfire that uses charcoal, wood chips, propane or natural gas, or seasoned firewood. The maximum size is three feet wide by two feet high (3' x 2'). Recreational fires must be completely extinguished when the activity is finished.

Warming Fire— a fire used while working or engaged in lawful outdoor activities.

2. Do I need a permit to burn in a barrel?

Yes. Burning in a barrel produces the same smoke and poses the same health risks as open burning. Garbage or trash can NEVER be burned.

3. How can I burn within the permitted hours and have the fire extinguished by the cutoff time?

Ensure material is less than twelve (12) inches in diameter and keep piles under twelve feet by twelve feet by twelve feet (12' x 12' x 12').

Get a Permit

A seasonal burn permit *must* be obtained each burn season (October 1 to April 30). It allows the burning of:

- ⇒ less than two (2) acres of vegetation, and
- ⇒ clean, untreated, raw, non-manufactured wood.

A **controlled burn permit** should be obtained if you are burning more than two (2) acres at a time.

Fees and Inspections

An application, along with payment, is required prior to issuing a permit. Fees are non-refundable.

| Burn Location | Fee | Inspection |
|---|-------|---|
| Chattanooga Collegedale East Ridge Red Bank Ridgeside | \$60 | Yes |
| Lakesite Lookout Mountain Signal Mountain Soddy Daisy Hamilton County Walden | \$10 | No |
| Controlled burn burning 2+ acres at a time | \$500 | Yes Air Curtain Destructor required |



**If you have any questions,
please contact the APCB at
423.643.5970.**

Burning Checklist

Do I qualify for a permit?

Yes or No? Put a checkmark next to the questions that have a “yes” answer. If you have less than seven (7) checkmarks, then another disposal method is recommended.

- ___ 1. Is burning the only practical method of disposal?
- ___ 2. Is the material to be burned:
 - vegetation;
 - raw, untreated, non-manufactured wood;
 - less than twelve (12) inches in diameter?
- ___ 3. Is the burn site more than 100 feet from my neighbor's structure?
- ___ 4. Will I be able to burn between the designated hours and have the fire extinguished by cutoff time?
- ___ 5. Will I be able to burn without creating a nuisance?
- ___ 6. Are the materials I am requesting to burn from the burn site location listed on the application? *Burning materials from other locations is prohibited.*
- ___ 7. Is the total amount of material to be burned less than an amount equal to two (2) acres?

How do I apply?

Call: 423.643.5970

Online: www.apcb.org