



OUTDOOR BURNING: NO, YOU CAN'T

Champions Fire Department has recently received more calls than usual regarding residents illegally burning yard waste in neighborhoods. Not only is this most likely in violation of your deed restrictions, but it is also unlawful.

What you need to know ...

- You may only burn domestic waste **if garbage collection is not provided by a municipality or utility district**. Virtually everyone within ESD 29 has garbage collection provided by your MUD.
- **What can you do instead of burning your waste? Here are a few ideas:**
 - **Composting** wastes from landscape maintenance can often be easily composted on-site. Similar wastes, even some papers, can be composted under the right conditions.
 - **Chipping or mulching of wood and plant products can be used for soil enrichment, moisture retention, and compost creation.** In some cases, mulch can be a marketable product and put to use where it is produced or given to residents and nurseries. If the material cannot be used as landscape mulch, chipping can still be useful to reduce the volume of waste that must be disposed of by some other means.
 - **Landfills** are permitted outdoor areas for waste disposal. Some landfills have recycling centers with chippers for wood waste and collection bins for paper, plastic, and glass.

To report illegal burning, contact Harris County Pollution Control at 713.920.2831 or email pollution.control@pcs.hctx.net. If the fire appears to be out of control or dangerous, call 9-1-1.

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