



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990
Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

GARDEN BONFIRES

Garden refuse can be burnt in gardens **providing smoke nuisance is not caused to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood**. The following 'Code of Practice' is suggested: -

1. Compost as much garden refuse as possible.
2. Large woody cuttings etc, unsuitable for composting, should be thoroughly dried before being burnt. A quick, hot fire will produce the minimum of smoke.
3. Remember your neighbour.
4. Do not light a bonfire if the wind is going to cause the smoke to be a nuisance to anyone.
5. Try to limit your fires to not more than one a month and if weather conditions are suitable have a good, quick blaze around sunset when the minimum of nuisance should be caused.
6. No fire should be left unattended. Never leave a fire to smoulder but douse it with soil or water.
7. Never add household refuse to a garden bonfire.
8. Disposal points under the Civic Amenities Act have been provided by Leicestershire County Council for the disposal of bulky refuse. Information relating to these sites and the Council's bulky waste collection service can be obtained by contacting Customer Services on 01858 828282.

A smoky bonfire could be actionable under the above legislation. If the Local Authority is satisfied that the smoke is prejudicial to health or a nuisance has occurred, even though it has temporarily ceased but is likely to recur, legal notices can be served on the person(s) responsible. Failure to comply with such notices can result in fixed penalties being issued of up to £100 and/or prosecution in a Magistrates Court for which the maximum penalty upon summary conviction is £5000.

If this code is followed problems should be minimised. If further clarification is required on any of the above points, please contact Regulatory Services or Waste Management at the address below.

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