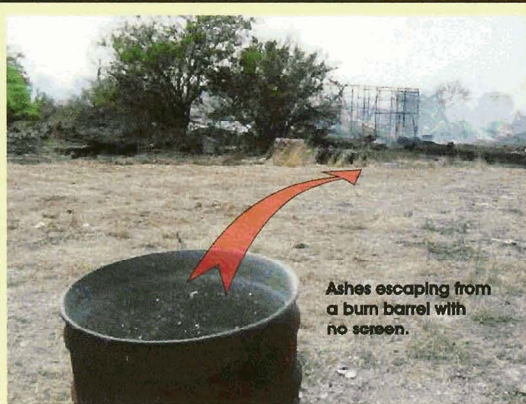


DO YOU BURN YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH?

In Texas, 90% of all wildfires are human-caused; escaped debris burning is the number one cause of those wildfires.



Ashes escaping from a burn barrel with no screen.

In 1996, an escaped trash fire near Poolville ignited a blaze that burned 16,000 acres. That fire also destroyed 141 homes and other structures, and nearly 100 vehicles.



Please, don't accidentally burn down your neighbor's home – or your own!

If you must burn household trash, don't pile it on the ground.

It will not burn completely and will easily be blown around.

Burn trash in a covered receptacle.

Burn trash in a cleared area away from branches or wires.

A metal grid or wire cover will help contain burning trash.

A cleared fire break of 10 feet will help keep burning embers from igniting nearby fuels.

Avoid accumulating trash for long periods of time.

Compacted trash takes longer to burn and does not burn as completely.

Avoid burning trash containing aerosol cans.

Heated cans will explode. Flying metal objects could cause a severe injury. The explosion may also scatter burning trash and cause a wildfire.

Stay with your fire.

Trash fires are more likely to escape containment and become wildfires if no one is present to respond.



Properly Constructed Burning Barrel

Metal screen with holes not larger than 5/8 inch.

Metal barrel in good condition.



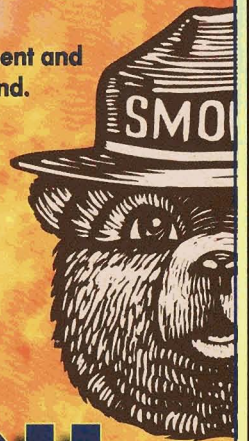
3 evenly-spaced 3 inch vents, backed by metal screen.



Ground cleared down to mineral soil or gravel at least 10 feet around each side.

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