

ADEQ's Mission

To protect, enhance, and restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans



What You Can Do

Please dispose of household and yard wastes properly:

- Don't burn yard and household waste.
- Mulch or compost your yard waste, or participate in composting programs in your community.
- Recycle household wastes.

ADEQ: What We Do

The Department of Environmental Quality is an agency of the state of Arkansas. We are headquartered in North Little Rock and have offices and inspectors throughout the state.



Our regulatory programs for air, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, petroleum storage tanks, and mining help protect Arkansas' environment. We issue operating permits for businesses and farms and monitor for compliance.

We also manage many programs to assist businesses, educators and the public with regulatory, recycling and other issues. ADEQ offers loans and tax credits for environmental improvement projects.

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Managing Household Waste and Yard Waste Don't Burn It!



Let us show you ways to manage household and yard waste without open burning.

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Taking Out the Trash ...

Anyone who lugs heavy garbage cans to the curb for pickup probably realizes that households generate a lot of waste. What we do with all that garbage matters. It's important to dispose of household waste in ways that protect the environment and follow state and local laws.



Most communities have access to effective collection and disposal services either through local government or private haulers. Many communities provide opportunities to recycle some wastes.

Discover Other Options

Learn about local alternatives to burning household waste. Contact your city hall, county judge's office, or your regional solid waste management district.



To learn which district serves your community, visit the Solid Waste Division pages on the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality web site at: www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Alternatives to Open Burning

Arkansas law prohibits burning of household garbage. We encourage you to consider alternatives to burning *yard* wastes as well, to protect air quality and prevent fire hazards.

Yard Waste is not allowed in landfills. Choose from these options instead:

- Mulch grass clippings and leave them on the ground for a healthier lawn.
- Mulch fallen leaves to use on your lawn, shrubs and flower beds.
- Compost yard waste and add to your soil to enrich it.
- Check with your solid waste hauler or local sanitation department to see if a collection or drop-off program is available for yard waste.



Household Waste collection options include curbside collection, transfer stations, or drop-off programs for wastes and recyclables.

For information about recycling and composting, contact the ADEQ Solid Waste Division at (501) 682-0812.

Can They Burn?

ADEQ strongly discourages open burning of yard waste (grass clippings, leaves and shrubbery trimmings). For general citizens, open burning is allowed only for a few activities such as land clearing, bonfires, campfires, or ceremonial activities.

Many communities enforce their own open burning restrictions for weather conditions, fire or safety hazards, or nuisance laws. Some areas limit burning because they have trouble meeting national air quality standards.

If in doubt about laws in your area, contact your local fire department or law enforcement agency.



Contacts

- **Report pollution problems from open burning to:**
ADEQ Air Division at (501) 682-0729
- **Nuisance, fire or safety complaints about open burning to:**
Your local fire, police or sheriff's office
- **Waste management options to:**
Local government or the
ADEQ Helpline: (501) 682-0923
- **Other environmental concerns to:**
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