

Garden Bonfire?

PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOURS



Anybody can have a Garden Bonfire, however under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 they may be a nuisance and can result in prosecution. To avoid this from happening, follow the information below. More importantly talk to your neighbours and consider **THEM**.

- If a bonfire stops a neighbour from enjoying their property it is a nuisance and may result in prosecution
- Before lighting a bonfire, speak to your neighbours and let them know that you want/intend to burn some garden rubbish.
- Don't have a bonfire regularly every week
- **Do not** burn plastics/hazardous materials
- If you are burning garden waste make sure that it is not wet. Leave it for a few days to dry so that the smoke isn't too bad
- Ensure that your neighbours don't have washing hung out or their windows open
- Check which way the wind is blowing to ensure that the smoke does not blow onto the road and cause a hazard
- If you are having a bonfire check that no wildlife has entered into the waste
- Don't light a bonfire and leave it – stay outside whilst it is burning to ensure that it doesn't spread
- Once the rubbish has been burned don't leave it to smoulder – use a hosepipe - to damp it down
- Think about Composting and Recycling before striking a match

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