

Guidance for burning on allotment sites.

FAO Committee-in-Charge / Allotment Holders on Liverpool Municipal Allotments

Dear committees and allotment holders,

Limited burning is currently allowed on all allotment sites. In order that this is not jeopardised on your site it is vitally important that the following directives and guidance is understood and followed.

- Burning is only allowed to be carried out in the winter months. From 1st November – 15th March annually.
- No burning is allowed during the hours of darkness.
- Only clean dry waste is allowed to be burnt. **No plastics, tyres or any other hazardous materials including painted wood is to be burnt on site.**
- Consideration should also be given when lighting a fire to weather conditions. This should consider the wind direction (not gusting towards residential housing). Any change in wind direct towards residential properties, fires should be extinguished immediately. Damp conditions are preferable.
- Fires should be kept small **and attended to at all times**. An example of a small fire is what can be burnt inside a small 90 litre metal dust bin or incinerator.
- Allotment holders **must not** bring waste from their homes to burn on site.
- If allotment holders have excessive waste on their plots, it is their responsibility to dispose of it responsibly at their nearest Merseyside waste recycling centre. <https://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/>

Please note that all sites are routinely monitored for compliance, with complaints to the Environmental Health department investigated. This could result in action being taken under **The Environmental Protection Act 1990**. Including.

- Blanket ban on allotment sites burning.
- Fines and eviction notices issued to any allotment holder found to be in breach of the Act quoted.

Yours faithfully

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