Backyard Burning

Castle Rock Township does not issue burning permits.

No person shall conduct, cause, or permit open burning of rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials, or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke including, but not limited to, tires, railroad ties, chemically treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheetrock, wiring, paint, or paint filters.

See Castle Rock Township Ordinance No. 2013-01 Section 7.19.G Waste Materials.

Burning and burying of garbage causes pollution and poses health threats. This is why it is illegal for Dakota County residents, including farmers, to burn or bury solid wastes—such as paper, plastic, cardboard, aerosols and other garbage. Residents must **contract with a waste hauler** or take their garbage to a **local disposal facility**.

For most Minnesotans, it is against the law to burn or bury household wastes — it's been illegal since the 1980s. Farmers in some areas are still allowed to burn some household wastes, due to the limited availability of collection or drop-off services for waste and recyclables.

<u>Minn. Stat. 88.171: Open Burning Prohibitions</u> ~ addresses prohibited materials that cannot be burned, including industrial waste, garbage, and hazardous wastes.

Recreational Fire Permits

If your residence is serviced by the Farmington Fire Department, please <u>click here</u> for their current requirements for Recreational Fires and Open Burning Permits.

For further information or to apply for a burning permit, please contact the Farmington Fire Department at 651-280-6941.

Randolph-Hampton permits

If your residence is serviced by the Randolph-Hampton Fire Department, please <u>click here</u> for their current requirements for Recreational and Open Burning Permits. Please contact one of the Fire Wardens listed on their website for further information and fee requirements.