What farmers need to know about OPEN BURNING

WHAT’S ALLOWED?

- Clean Wood
- Fence Row Maintenance
- Orchard Maintenance
- Nursery / Tree Farm Maintenance

WHAT’S PROHIBITED?

- No Trash
- No Chemicals or Plastics
- No Tires
- No Buildings
- No Land Clearing Debris
- No Packaging Materials

AGRICULTURAL/ VEGETATION BURNING

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Agricultural Maintenance in Indiana
Open burning is prohibited in the state of Indiana. However, Indiana Code (IC) 13-17-9-1 and Open Burning Rule 326 IAC 4-1 exempts certain types of open burning for agricultural maintenance purposes.

Maintenance Burning of Vegetation Exemption:
- Only vegetation from maintenance at a farm, orchard, nursery, tree farm, cemetery, drainage ditch, or agricultural land can be burned.
- Burning must be conducted on the site where the vegetation was generated.
- The burning of vegetation must be for maintenance purposes only, and not for clearing land or change in land use.
- Farms and businesses may not burn trash or business waste for disposal purposes.

These rules must always be followed:
- Only vegetation can be burned. Materials such as household trash, plastics, tires, building materials, demolition debris, coated or treated wood, asbestos, or any non-vegetation items cannot be burned.
- Agricultural land open burning must occur in an unincorporated area.
- Burning must be done during safe weather conditions, not during high winds or when the air is stagnant.
- Fires must be attended until completely extinguished.
- Fires must be extinguished if they create a nuisance or fire hazard.
- Want to learn more? Visit IDEM’s open burning site at www.idem.IN.gov/openburning.