

## Debris Burning Laws Important During Fall Season

Shake out the rugs, clean off the dust and burn the long awaited pile of sticks and other yard waste. It's time to clean up after a long, hot summer.

Before you light that match, however, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a few friendly reminders on burning debris. It is illegal to burn material in the following locations:

- Within the boundaries of any municipal corporation;
- Within 1,000 feet of a municipal corporation with 1,000 to 10,000 residents;
- Within one mile of a municipal corporation with more than 10,000 residents, such as Urbana; and
- In unincorporated areas between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. during March, April, May, October and November (an Ohio Department of Natural Resources requirement to prevent spring and fall wildfires).

Brush, tree trimmings and leaves may be burned only on the property where they originated and if the burn site meets the boundary requirements. People responsible for the fire must ensure that the fire is located at a point on the premises no less than 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not located on the property. Garbage (food waste), dead animals and materials containing rubber, grease or petroleum (such as tires and plastics) cannot be burned anywhere.

