



# **DON'T BURN VERMONT**

**Burning household trash is illegal in Vermont. Violators can be fined up to \$500 and lose their hunting and fishing licenses for 1 year.**



Today's trash contains metals, plastics, and other synthetic materials that, when burned, can emit fumes and harmful quantities of dioxins known to cause cancer, emphysema and other chronic illnesses.

Dioxins emitted from burning settle on crops and in our waterways where they eventually wind up in our food and affect our health.

Backyard burning can increase the risk of heart disease, aggravate respiratory ailments such as asthma, and cause rashes, nausea, headaches and developmental or reproductive disorders.

State and municipal officials may now issue penalties to individuals who continue to burn trash. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$500 as well as community roadside cleanup. If violators fail to pay their fine, their driving license will be suspended for a period of ten days and they will lose their hunting and/or fishing license privileges for a period of one year.

For more information on trash burning in Vermont, please visit [www.dontburnvt.org](http://www.dontburnvt.org).

