

A photograph of a rusted metal barrel burning in a field. The barrel is the central focus, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from its top. A large plume of white smoke billows upwards from the barrel, filling the upper half of the frame. The ground around the barrel is covered in dry grass, twigs, and some charred debris. The background shows a grassy field with some trees in the distance. A semi-transparent orange banner with white text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

BURNING GARBAGE IS ILLEGAL...

...because it harms our
air, land and water and
everyone who lives here.

Today's garbage contains plastics, metals, dyes and chemicals that, when burned, release hazardous toxins that pollute our air, settle on our land and in our water and are ingested by you, your family, your pets and other animals. Burning garbage — including painted or treated wood — is against the law. Violators can face fines up to \$1,000 and up to 90 days in jail.

What you can do

- When purchasing, choose items with less packaging.
- Reuse, donate or recycle whenever possible.
- Take bulky items to local drop-sites.
- Use a trash removal service.

Find drop-sites and trash haulers at
www.dakotacounty.us, search *Green Guide*
or call 952-891-7557.

If you suspect illegal burning, call 911.

Your call can remain anonymous.



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