**OPEN BURNING FAQ**

**Is open burning allowed in Weddington?**

Yes, because the Town does not provide for yard waste removal, it cannot prohibit the burning of yard waste. Open burning is allowed provided that you adhere to the regulations set forth by the Division of Air Quality. [North Carolina Open Burning Regulations](http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-enforcement/open-burning)

**How can I find out what I am allowed to burn?**

[The North Carolina Division of Air Quality](https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-enforcement/open-burning) maintains regulations on what can be burnt. If someone is burning something that you feel is not allowed, you can review the [North Carolina Open Burning Regulations](http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-enforcement/open-burning).

**I do not have public pickup service in my area, but private companies offer this service for a fee. Am I allowed to burn my yard waste?**  Yes. Fee based services offered by private companies are not considered public pick-up.

**May I burn my garbage or other household trash?**   
No. It is always illegal to burn garbage and household trash.

**Whom should I contact to report someone burning trash?**   
Contact either the Union County Sheriff’s Office (704) 283-3789 or Weddington Town Hall (704) 846-2709.

**I live in a managed neighborhood that offers leaf collection. Can the management collect leaves then burn the collected leaves in a central location?**   
No. Leaves must be burned on the premises where they originate.

**My neighbor thinks my yard waste burning stinks. Is this considered a nuisance and can I be prohibited from open burning solely because he/she objects to the odor?**   
No. Smoke from allowable open burning is not considered a nuisance under the Open Burning Rule as amended by the Regulatory Reform Act of 2014.

**My neighbor thinks I am burning yard waste too close to his/her property and my fire may get out of control and damage his/her property. Is it considered a nuisance and can I be prohibited from open burning solely because of this?**  No, proximity, in itself is not an issue regarding burning of yard waste.

**May I burn grass clippings as yard waste?**   
Yes.