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OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED

BATON ROUGE –Hurricanes Gustav and Ike left all kinds of debris that must be disposed of properly. Burning that waste causes air pollution. That's one reason open burning of certain materials is prohibited in Louisiana. If you have a trash pile and burn household waste, construction debris or anything other than vegetative matter, you could pay a fine.

Some materials that should NEVER be burned are:

- Plastic and other synthetic materials
- Tires and other rubber products
- Paints, household and agricultural chemicals
- Asphalt shingles, heavy oils, wire
- Newspaper, cardboard and other paper products
- Buildings and mobile homes

Outdoor fires pollute the air and can make it difficult to breathe. Citizens can call DEQ to report illegal open burning at 225-219-3640 or call the DEQ regional office that serves your parish. You may call the regional office for any environmental issue or complaint with the information below:

- **Northwest Regional Office in Shreveport** / Otis Randle – Regional Manager 318-676-7476
Parishes served: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster
- **Northeast Regional Office in Monroe** / Kirk Cormier – Regional Manager
318-362-5439 - Monroe and 318-487-5656 - Pineville
Parishes served: Avoyelles, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, La Salle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Rapides, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll and Winn
- **Southwest Regional Office in Lake Charles** / Billy Eakin – Regional Manager 337-491-2667
Parishes served: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis and Vernon
- **Southeast Regional Office in New Orleans** / Mike Algero – Regional Manager
504-736-7701 - New Orleans, 985-532-6206 – Lafourche, 985-624-4446 - North Shore
Parishes served: Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Washington
- **Acadiana Regional Office in Lafayette** / Robert Freeman – Regional Manager - 337-262-5584
Parishes served: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion
- **Capital Regional Office in Baton Rouge** /Bobby Mayweather – Regional Manager - 225-219-3600
Parishes served: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana

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