

Guidance on Controlled Burning

There are no byelaws as each district/borough council has its own regulations; but in general, the following guidance applies.

Domestic Bonfires

There are no laws preventing anyone from having a bonfire, but local authorities recommend that waste is either composted or taken to a local amenity site.

If burning is the only option, the rubbish to be burnt should be dry to give off less smoke, and people should ensure that any smoke does not cause a nuisance to neighbours.

If a nuisance does occur, and is persistent or likely to happen again, local authorities can take action under the Clean Air Act 1993 or the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Commercial Bonfires

Dark smoke emissions from bonfires on industrial or trade premises (including demolition sites), or agricultural premises, is prohibited under Section 2 of the Clean Air Act 1993. This needs to be witnessed by an officer from the local council's Environmental Health Department.

For further information, please contact your local district/borough council.



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