

The Alternatives to Burning

1. Compost

If you can, compost as much of your allotment waste as possible. Composting produces a valuable product that can be used as a soil conditioner and is a much better alternative to burning. It's a good idea to have a compost bin on your allotment plot, the site does have 3 communal compost bins that are used by allotment tenants, our ground staff and Dursley in Bloom. Please see the guidelines for use.

2. Take it to the tip

You can take your allotment waste to one of the Stroud District Council refuse disposal points. The closest is located at Pyke Quarry (Horsley), two miles west of HORSLEY on the B4058, Wotton under Edge road.

You can contact Dursley Town Council at:

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E-mail: clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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We are open Monday to Friday 10:00am -3:00pm
(or at other times by appointment)



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Bonfires on Kingshill Allotments



Guidelines for Allotment Tenants

The Use of Bonfires

Bonfires have been a traditional way of disposing garden rubbish but they often cause a nuisance.



They can be very annoying to neighbours - usually from smoke or smell that stops them from enjoying their garden, prevent them from opening their windows, or hanging out washing.



They can cause air pollution – producing irritating and even poisonous compounds that contribute to poor air quality, which everyone nearby then has to breathe in.



They can also cause a fire hazard - if they are close to trees or fences and especially if left unattended.

As a means of disposal, bonfires are becoming less and less acceptable.

Although the Council is encouraging allotment tenants to give up bonfires and use alternative methods of disposing waste, we appreciate that not all allotment waste is suitable for compost and you may need to have a small bonfire. If this is the case then we ask you to remember the following which will help to ensure that bonfires don't cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents, including proceedings in Kingshill Cemetery:

Guidelines for Allotment Tenants

- A maximum of 2 bonfires per year per allotment are allowed from September through to the end of April.
- Permission from Dursley Town Council office is only required on the day of the bonfire if it is to be before 3:30 pm Monday to Friday.

- Tenants must use a garden incinerator or similar for burning waste.
- Only burn dry plant waste.
- Never burn household rubbish or anything with plastic, foam, paint, or rubber in it.
- Never use old engine oil, methylated spirits, or petrol to light or encourage a fire. Not only does this make smoke, it is also very dangerous.
- Avoid lighting fires in unsuitable weather conditions such as damp, still days.
- Avoid times when the wind will blow smoke over roads or into neighbouring gardens / Kingshill Cemetery.
- Avoid burning when people want to enjoy their gardens such as weekends or Bank Holidays.
- Air Quality is described using four bands - LOW, MODERATE, HIGH and VERY HIGH. Avoid burning when air quality in the area is anything other than Low. You can check this by telephoning the Air Pollution Bulletin Service on Freephone 0800-556677 or by looking at the UK National Air Quality Information Archive website www.airquality.co.uk which gives daily levels of air pollution.
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder.
- Bear in mind the law of statutory nuisance; regular smoky bonfires – or even a single one which is very polluting – could be regarded as a statutory nuisance and result in a legal notice being served on you by Stroud District Council. Failure to stop causing the nuisance is then an offence for which you can be prosecuted. Under the same legislation any person affected by a bonfire can also lodge a complaint at the Magistrates Court alleging nuisance, which will then be dealt with by the court. If it is found that a nuisance did exist the person responsible can be fined by the court.

Complaints will be regularly monitored and these guidelines may be subject to change in the future.