

# DON'T GET BURNED!

Open burning of garbage is against the law in Nova Scotia, and could be subject to court action and/or a minimum fine of \$790 upon conviction (Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Regulations). Burning household waste in your backyard can be harmful to your health, as well as the health of your family, neighbours, and the environment.

## Not In My Backyard!

Burning garbage, such as plastic, cardboard, paper products and cans, in a backyard barrel:

- Releases pollutants that can trigger respiratory illnesses, angina, headaches, eye and skin irritations, and other harmful side effects.
- Creates a fire hazard.
- Wastes valuable resources that could be recycled into new and useful products.
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## Don't Waste Valuable Resources

Over 50% of household garbage can be recycled and composted through municipal waste diversion programs.



Contact your municipality for information about recycling and composting programs in your area.