

Guidance on the Safe use of Domestic Bonfires and Incinerators

East Staffordshire Borough Council provide excellent recycling facilities for each household with the blue, brown, newspaper and grey bins, along with the public Recycling Centre at Shobnall Road (off Centurion Way) Burton upon Trent, DE14 2AU (use DE14 2AY for sat navs). Details on what can be recycled can be found on their website.

There should be very little need for domestic bonfires and incinerators. However if you believe you need to light a fire please use the following safety guidelines.

- Inform your neighbours beforehand
- Don't burn household rubbish
- Watch for weather conditions e.g wind may blow fire into fences or other garden structures
- Do not light if the air is damp, still, or even the evening as this will hinder smoke dispersal
- Do not leave to smoulder
- Stay with the fire until it is completely out
- Do not use any form of accelerant
- Burn only dry material

ESBC pollution team can investigate any nuisance caused by fires, but cannot stop people from having them. They will encourage other means of disposal. You can submit a complaint to them via their website.

They will investigate factors such as frequency; effects on neighbours; nature of the material burnt; location and weather conditions.