Burn Barrel Do's and Don'ts

**DO**
Burn paper, brown cardboard, unpainted wood, and natural fiber materials.

**DON'T**
Burn plastic, painted wood, laminated cardboard (like cereal boxes, milk cartons, etc.), synthetic fiber materials. These materials emit toxic chemicals when burned, which can make you and your family sick.

**TO REMEMBER**
- Wet materials create more smoke – burn dry materials whenever possible.
- A hot fire will burn items faster, as well as be cleaner-burning.
- Be considerate about the timing of burns.
- Follow the Smoke Management Plan; your residential burn permit has conditions attached to it!
- Everything that you can burn (the “DO” list above), could alternatively be composted. Composting will break down these materials with little or no work on your part! If you are interested in turning in your burn barrel and receiving a composter in exchange, contact YTEP.