



# Air Quality and Business Activities: Proper Disposal of Trade Waste

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### Idaho's Air Pollution

Control Rules:  
Open Burning  
[http://adm.idaho.gov/  
adminrules/rules/  
idapa58/0101.pdf](http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa58/0101.pdf)

### Burn Permits:

**Obtaining a burn permit from the local fire protection district or the Idaho Department of Lands does not grant permission to burn materials that are prohibited from burning under Idaho's Air Pollution Control Rules. Except under very limited special circumstances, DEQ's Rules cannot be superseded by another agency.**



### Burning of Trade Waste is Prohibited

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ's) Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.600-617, specifically prohibit open burning of "trade waste." For **business operators and owners**, trade waste includes all waste materials generated during the course of operating a business in the state of Idaho. Common business waste materials are cardboard, plastics, paper, lumber, pallets, and other shipping materials. All of these materials and other wastes generated by businesses are considered trade wastes and are prohibited from burning.

**Note: Violation of this rule could result in a minimum \$250 field citation** or higher if warranted.

### Solid Waste Burial

Not only is burning of trade waste a violation of Idaho's Air Pollution Control Rules, but burial of solid waste is regulated as well and requires a Non-Municipal Solid Waste Facility Permit issued by the District Health Department.

### Proper Disposal

DEQ recommends that business operators or owners either arrange for scheduled garbage collection service or self-haul waste materials to the most conveniently located solid waste transfer station. Reusing or recycling waste material may also be an option.

### Questions?

Contact DEQ's Air Quality Division.