

## STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL OPEN BURNING FACT SHEET

Lake County is proposing restrictions to address landscape waste open burning in the area surrounding Stevenson High School. Currently the County places no restriction on the burning of leaves and brush in the unincorporated area, although the surrounding municipalities strictly prohibit such burning. The primary objective of the proposal is to minimize the potential impact of smoke from landscape waste on activities inside and outside of the educational facility.

**This proposal is not a ban on open burning.**

### Proposed Restrictions

Materials Allowed	Burn Times	No Restrictions	Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaves</li> <li>• brush</li> <li>• small branches</li> <li>• and similar material</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: The landscape waste must have been grown on the same lot as where the burning occurs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April, May, October, and November after most school events are over.</li> <li>• Monday through Saturday from 5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Sundays from 12 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campfires</li> <li>• recreational fires</li> <li>• ceremonial fires</li> <li>• grilling</li> <li>• self contained burning devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass and shrubbery clippings</li> <li>• Tree trunks</li> <li>• Garbage, junk and debris</li> <li>• Landscape waste from other locations</li> </ul>

**Please note that this proposal is for the unincorporated portion of Lake County. The Villages of Lincolnshire, Buffalo Grove, and Vernon Hills all prohibit open burning. The regulations of those communities are not changed by the County's proposal.**

#### Burning Parameters

When allowed, open burning will be located outside of the following buffer areas:

- no closer than 50 feet from the school boundary
- no closer than 50 feet from the centerline of the road
- no closer than 25 feet from any building on a property
- no closer than 25 feet from a side property line

#### Enforcement

The ordinance, if adopted, is anticipated to become effective July 1, 2011. As with other nuisance violations, enforcement will be complaint driven.

#### Comment Period

Please submit comments to [Communications@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:Communications@lakecountyil.gov) by May 20, 2011.

## **Recommendations for Landscape Waste Burning**

1. Do not burn on windy days or days when the wind blows the smoke towards your neighbor.
2. Do not burn wet leaves. Smoke from such fires stays closer to the ground and longer in the breathing zone.
3. If you can, burn several small fires instead of one large fire. The leaves will burn faster this way, reducing air pollution.
4. Always attend, manage, and control your fire. Always have a hose or water source nearby.
5. Do not burn in ditches, drainage ways, or within 25 feet of a body of water.
6. Contact your local fire department for other rules, regulations, or the need for a permit.