

# EXHIBIT C

# COMPILED PUBLIC COMMENTS

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# **SECTION 1**

**Virtual Public Meeting**

**July 13, 2021**

- 16:46:14 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Testing
- 17:04:56 From [REDACTED] : Please feel free to ask questions through this chat. We should have time at the end of the presentation to answer a few.
- 17:05:14 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How much waste does an average household produce per year? And does that offset the carbon emitted by the garbage trucks which produce 22 lbs of carbon per 3 miles
- 17:05:33 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Wouldn't it make more sense to burn it outright than to have a garbage truck driving around?
- 17:06:17 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Wood produces about 85% per metric lb in carbon. I just don't see your math or reasoning
- 17:06:32 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Does the burning ban include tree branches, yard waste, leaves, etc?
- 17:06:44 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I'm curious about firepit type of burns in backyards. Are these OK?
- 17:06:44 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Are you guys going to tell us how to garden too?
- 17:07:34 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What has been the principal objective in the prior prohibition of trash burning and restriction of landscape waste burning? Health? Environmental protection? Safety? Aesthetics? Are these same objectives behind the current initiative?
- 17:08:05 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : There are many schools adjacent to areas where open burning is allowed, why is the Stevenson restriction not applied to all schools' vicinities in the Unincorporated Lake County?
- 17:08:22 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : but also makes you money. Got it.
- 17:08:41 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I live on 3 acres with several trees which create lots of waste. I also have several dead elms , pines, and also I am constantly cutting back buckthorn and other invasive. Bagging simply is not possible. I knew when I moved into unincorporated area that there would be neighbors burning.
- 17:08:43 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Leave it up to the cities. This is ridiculous.

17:09:34 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : COVID COVID COVID...

17:09:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : just stop

17:10:23 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I'm so tired of being regulated by government. You do not live my life but yet you want to control it.

17:11:43 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We have a native prairie and several rain gardens. We burn these every other year. Will this burning be regulated?

17:11:58 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : People with chronic lung disease... All 15 of them...

17:12:01 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What are the health detriments to open burning? Is banning burning about health of the citizenry or about the money it saves someone when they burn instead of using other means of disposing of yard waste?

17:12:30 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Decide the fate of the hundreds of thousands.

17:13:47 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : 0

17:13:48 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : .k v

17:13:48 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Are autumn leaves - the burning of which causes extensive smoldering and smoke - the proxy for "landscape waste" generally? If so, is it realistic to treat landscape waste as a single type of material? Or should one differentiate between different types of waste?

17:14:04 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : there is zero financial cost tp burn leaves

17:14:11 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : [REDACTED] over here, deciding what happens in Fox Lake... and poorer areas. Class warfare

17:15:30 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Do the current restrictions apply only to residential areas, or do they also apply to public areas, such as forest preserve properties?

17:16:03 From [REDACTED] All panelists : What about non-treated lumber burning?

17:16:17 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : To what extent would it be accurate to say that the current initiative pre-dates COVID, and that the pandemic happened to be a "convenient" opportunity to advance this agenda? If this characterization is unfair, how should one regard the still-convenient dovetailing of the expiration of the current "emergency" provisions with the proposed implementation, at the time of expiration, of any new prohibitions?

17:17:00 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Just make it a low that you have to be in reach of your hose. I mean that knocks out your fire hazard note

- 17:17:16 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I am in unincorporated Antioch township, which is heavily wooded and banning open burning of landscape waste would cause a great concern due to quantity and cost of having it bagged and picked up
- 17:18:03 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Carbon dioxide is a potent greenhouse gas, that contributes to global warming and climate change.
- 17:18:12 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : how many public surveys can we expect to take place before the input from our residents has been heard.
- 17:18:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I have never burned trash .
- 17:18:43 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We have 19 acres and every windy day we have more and more branches that fall. It is not leaves that I am burning. It is the branches.
- 17:18:47 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : to help alleviate with the concerns, why cant we go back to having to get a burn permit with the ability to obtain online.
- 17:18:55 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What steps have been taken to ascertain the health of individuals in areas where burning is allowed. Asthma is very common and, as you did with Stevenson, hopefully you can take that into account when considering this topic.
- 17:19:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Mulching does not work among dense hardwoods.
- 17:19:26 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Can we get a tax credit for composting :)
- 17:19:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Leaving the leaves kills the lawn
- 17:19:41 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : You can not mulch and bag 60 foot dead trees. We have many dead ash and elm trees. Every year we have to burn them.
- 17:19:46 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Burning is a vital way to control weeds and invasive plants on lots where people have native landscaping like my two acre woodland.
- 17:19:51 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : If burning on large, forested private lots has the "cons" of nuisance and fire hazard, why should burning by the Forest Preserve District (which burns on a large scale and in a way that causes smoldering) be permitted? If the answer is that the FPD's burns are for restoration purposes, would a similar permission be granted for private lands being restored?
- 17:20:11 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : It's not just about leaves.
- 17:20:54 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Will you be providing references for your assertions?
- 17:21:12 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Just leave it alone guys. You don't need to put our tax dollars into the pockets of a new waste disposal company

- 17:21:13 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I invite all board members to come out and see my property. Then you will understand.
- 17:21:26 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How do existing haulers of landscape waste handle the material? Composting? Is it certain that composted brush from buckthorn, which includes berries, will not result in widespread distribution of buckthorn seeds to new locations?
- 17:21:50 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We don't burn 365 days a year. We burn in the fall.
- 17:22:07 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : If anything pass common sense laws. Have a hose nearby. Possibly a fire extinguisher?
- 17:22:14 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We do mulch/compost all of our leaves and grass. the issue we run into is the amount of branches that fall or need to be pruned. Is there a thought about having a chipper service available so we can use the woodchips for landscaping?
- 17:23:14 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : As I said before a garbage truck puts out a lot of carbon. Diesel makes about 22 lbs per gallon and a garbage truck gets 3 miles per gallon.. It just does not add up
- 17:25:15 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : tell those 275 people to go to Crook county
- 17:26:50 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Survey question on what residents would accept is skewed in data since you allowed more than one answer.
- 17:26:57 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What data do you have by township for burning complaints
- 17:27:19 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : It's my opinion that the way you collect your data for the survey is flawed.
- 17:27:31 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Did you account for the numbers in the survey where participants responded to multiple options?
- 17:27:47 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What in the definition of "Open" burning? Does it include burning in an incinerator basket or can?
- 17:28:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Its like I need a spray bottle for you guys like a cat that jumps on the counter... NO!! Bad kitty. leave it
- 17:28:30 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Consolidation will absolutely result in higher prices after the initial bid
- 17:28:40 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How can you expect seniors on a fixed income to pay more money for a service that wasn't previously needed?

- 17:28:52 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : so it sounds like the county is going ahead with a ban on open burning and forcing the unincorporated residents to pay for services to remove yard waste
- 17:29:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Can you comment on the size of property where burning is used. I have 1 acre with approx 100 trees plus shrubs. There is no cost effective way for me, as a Senior to pay for someone to haul the landscape waste. Also, I never burn nor have a need to burn leaves.
- 17:29:25 From [REDACTED] All panelists : Too much government interference!
- 17:29:25 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Whats fair is you leave it up to the cities. I have little in common with you Lake Bluff people.
- 17:29:31 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Talk to [REDACTED] the prior Wauconda Township supervisor about his attempt to franchise the garbage hauling in Wauconda Township, it didn't go well.
- 17:29:32 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How do you define fair for all?
- 17:29:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Did you consider a credit to franchising costs that would account for the positive impacts of trees for those who have them when many who don't realize the benefits and don't have any costs?
- 17:29:46 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I don't live on a 40' by 40' lot. Myself and my immediate neighbors (who could not attend and asked me to speak for them) represent more than 120 acres and are opposed to restrictions. My property alone generates >10 piles approximately 8-9' high and 12-15' in diameter. This does NOT include leaves which is NOT collected. This also does not include branches, brush or fallen trees which are ground into mulch. My annual mulch pile is approximately 10' high by 25' in diameter which is spread into my vegetable and flower beds. My animals produce approximately 50 tons of manure annually which is composted and spread on adjoining fields.

When I do burn, I have a skid loader to manage the fire, burn on low wind days and wait for wind directions away from my neighbors.

The reality of life out here seems beyond the ability of the presenters I have heard this far.

- 17:29:52 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We recently purchased a home in a heavily wooded area. We are senior citizens and on a limited budget. We have used open burning but also have had our hauler take away some lawn waste. It is outrageous in price.....\$20.00 for 5 brown bags of waste. Please consider this in your decision.
- 17:31:15 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Let me give an example..
- 17:31:21 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : in my area in Antioch township, there are several waste disposal companies that service in my area, so will we be subject to no longer having a choice going forward?

- 17:31:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Your quadrants do not include mist of Antioch township
- 17:31:46 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : You saw the Poll. We overwhelmingly dont want it.... If you guys want to keep your jobs, I reccomend you leave this alone or you will be voted out.
- 17:32:14 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Have you done an analysis to determine how many "brown bag's" would be needed for landscape waste for a dozen oak trees and what impact that would have on the cost?
- 17:32:26 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Are you paying attention that overall we don't want this? Leave it alone.
- 17:32:38 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I have lots of maple trees, which are impacted by Black Tar Spot, a fungus. I have tried to use composting and also using chopped leaves as mulch. In both cases, the resultant materials carried the fungus, resulting in fungus on my ornamental plants. I do not KNOW that there is a direct connection. I do know that I have tried using it on vegetables and on ornaments and have had fungus issues each time. So, if there is a way to treat the mulch, in particular, at low to no cost, I would consider these alternatives. Please let me know. Otherwise, they are not practical solutions for my purposes.
- 17:32:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : This is a dead issue
- 17:32:42 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Look at your poll
- 17:32:47 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Currently the township does wood chipping during the spring, summer, and fall in my area. Would franchising landscape waste out replace the wood chipping done by the township currently?
- 17:32:52 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Move on
- 17:33:19 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Also, as a market researcher, your analysis is biased. In all cases so far, the largest response by far is keeping open burning.
- 17:33:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Banning burning now will contribute in the fight to getting to net-zero carbon emissions in our fight to avoid climate disaster. Laws must be enacted now. We no longer have the luxury in a stepped approach.
- 17:33:46 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Our township has was hauler service but even they cannot pick up all of our leaves on over 2 acres of land which we have. we have 26 oak trees on our property and the waste haulers would have to come here several times a week and assign one truck to each property. because our house alone would fill an entire truck. Assigning certain days and times for burning seems to be the best way to handle the waste on our property. Mulching 2 acres of grass is not an option.



- 17:33:52 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : You are twisting the data when you say 45-55 split (also on the previous question.) The OVERWHELMING RESPONSE is Leave it Alone.
- 17:33:54 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : No one is going to change their minds. It feels like you guys are getting paid on the back end somehow.
- 17:34:11 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I repeat. A landscape bin is not going to cut it. You can't cram a dead elm,ash,pine, or buckthorn and other invasive into a cart. We are faced with a lot of landscape waste. All the neighbors burn . I knew there would be smoke in my neighborhood in the fall and I still willingly moved into an unincorporated area.
- 17:34:27 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : how do we find out about the survey and be able to take it?
- 17:35:11 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : what is the ideal number of survey respondents?
- 17:35:19 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : You need to hold a meeting in person so we can yell at you in person
- 17:35:48 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How will properties less than the minimum of 5 acres but with limited street access and long dimensions of over 500' deal with getting the logistics of storing and moving materials to an area it can be removed by the contacted persons?
- 17:35:53 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : The direction is clear
- 17:35:55 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I'm hoping this will not impact current ecological restoration activities, including prescribed burns and brush pile burns. These are essential components in keeping Lake County's ecosystems healthy.
- 17:35:55 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We dont want it
- 17:36:15 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : If you want it so much [REDACTED]. Pass it in your local city
- 17:37:01 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : sorry, I joined late you might have addressed this. How many total unincorporated residents?
- 17:37:08 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Is the fact that the county is proceeding with RFPs for hauling an indication that you feel you have a political mandate to proceed with hauling? Would you piggyback onto this a policy of prohibiting burning altogether? If premised on what was portrayed as a "minority" (47%) preference for no restrictions altogether, is this appropriate, given that a MAJORITY of respondents favored some sort of burning being allowed?
- 17:37:34 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Let's have a face to face meeting with board members next time.

- 17:37:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Softball questions
- 17:37:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Thank you for providing this information tonight. A quick comment for future consideration. I was not aware of the details of the current burning restrictions in place. Was that communicated to residents via a mail flyer like the survey was? If not, perhaps mail flyers may be a good communication method moving forward regarding this imitative, especially given the high survey responses??
- 17:37:42 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How will you measure success of engagement from Lake County residents, 1,100 or 1,200 residents doesn't seem like much, of that number how many people are on chat?
- 17:38:32 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : A wooded three-acre lot, such as our own,. generates a large amount of wood waste (branches, limbs, trunks). By no stretch of the imagination could any hauler, or hauler's rollaway bin, accommodate what routinely becomes a 20-foot pile of timber twice a year. Is your "solution" to force such homeowners to hire tree removal services to do what they today can to for themselves?
- 17:38:44 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Commercial burning leaves by landscapers should be totally banned. I've seen huge abuses of this.
- 17:38:44 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : A lot of talk of i solutions based on the surveys. What are the checks and balances that only one survey per household- instead of multiple surveys from same addresses
- 17:39:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : why not bring in evidence that open burning has on global warming? I know this is a contentions subject, but I think, because of the weather we've been experiencing, this may be more acceptable than it was in the past.
- 17:39:30 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How will this be enforced? neighbor against neighbor?
- 17:39:34 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What is that complaint number?
- 17:39:48 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How is any option, all of which are going to get more expensive, "competitive" with burning at no cost?I am in a rural area and had a laugh at your mention of using a push mower, having acres to cut and laughed again at the "leaf burninig". .
- 17:40:17 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Thats not an issue
- 17:40:22 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Show me these people
- 17:40:33 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : They belong in a hospital
- 17:40:55 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Fireworks are already against the law. They also affect air quality and are a fire risk and are extremely anxiety producing for

pets and many people. This year was out of control and to my knowledge nothing was enforced. Are we just making more unenforceable laws that are going to cost residents more money? I am all for control. However the real issue is the burning of garbage and construction debris. This happens all of the time. And I question allowing the Forest Preserve free range. Their fires have occasionally been very bad. Reducing vision on roadways and dangerous for persons with breathing issues.

- 17:41:01 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I am not on a forest preserve land and would like to be able to burn the understory in small areas, can we possibly apply for a permit for selected optimal months to do prescribed burning? I compost and use a landscape waste hauler for most debris.
- 17:41:20 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Don't punish people who burn responsibly.
- 17:41:26 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : No one here is asking that question. Come on.
- 17:41:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I think a lot of people enjoy living in unincorporated areas to avoid all of the rules that exist in towns/cities. Everyone I've talked to in my neighborhood is against any bans. Why can't we just leave this alone, too many rules and regulations will turn unincorporated areas into being no different then living in a incorporated area except now we have rules but ZERO benefits.
- 17:41:37 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : If burning is fully banned, will that include campfires/backyard pits?
- 17:42:27 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Will the presentation slides be available on-line, in pdf format for downloading?
- 17:42:33 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How can I not burn when the adjacent 854 acre forest preserve can ?
- 17:42:35 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : This is internal stuff.. You're here to talk to the people
- 17:42:44 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Your forest preserve has nothing to do with residents
- 17:43:12 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : But they still would have the respiratory issues and nuisance issues if those are the main arguments for not allowing open burning.
- 17:43:18 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Now you can answer our real questions.
- 17:43:37 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Farms need to be protected, Thank You for your concern for us
- 17:43:40 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Who will enforce? Will Building and Zoning have to hire more inspectors and if so what is cost for enforcement

- 17:43:47 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Making the statement that burning landscape waste can be to a "gateway" to the already illegal activity of burning garbage, is b.s... If burning garbage is illegal, than that's fine, but using that as an leverage/reason in this case has no logic. We shouldn't ban boiling water because someone once threw a pot of boiling water on someone.
- 17:44:09 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Burning in spring and fall is sufficient. Nobody in my neighborhood burns in summer or winter.
- 17:44:37 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How can you have a garden hose available if the fire is 500 feet away from my house?
- 17:44:38 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Forest Preserve also takes your Christmas tree!
- 17:44:38 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Should green treated wood be disposed of in a waste disposal service or is there an alternative to disposal for this type of material given the burning restriction?
- 17:44:45 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : The Forest Preserve also provides for the disposal of Christmas trees
- 17:45:19 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Will all proposals be made available to the public?
- 17:45:32 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : You guys polled. The polls were negative.
- 17:45:59 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : How do I determine what district my land falls under?
- 17:46:08 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : For you to proceed in your motive driven policies you WILL be out of a job. The people dont want this
- 17:46:59 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : To clarify, if you franchise, we will have to go with the company and our costs may go up.
- 17:47:10 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : One disposal service smacks of favoritism and questionable political practices. I already know wm will be the provider...
- 17:47:20 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I have several dead trees. Huge ones. You don't seem to understand.
- 17:47:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : 1.5 acre never will work with waste hauling
- 17:47:44 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What percent of residents are negatively affected healthwise by burning landscape waste and is it fair to restrict all for the few?
- 17:47:45 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I have heavily wooded lot.

- 17:47:49 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Can townships after if County passes this, go to a contract for their township for waste hauling if they find they can get lesser expensive service for residents-or will they be bound not to go to their own contract
- 17:48:10 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : What to do with dug out stumps?
- 17:48:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Mandating who our provider is takes the residents leverage away and in turn raises our costs. What is driving this?
- 17:48:51 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I invite you to come to my property. I have 3 acres. Everyone in my neighborhood has at least 3 acres.
- 17:49:23 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : You need to consider 3 acres not 5.
- 17:49:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : There are multiple scientific studies that link open burning to severe health effects due to Particulate Matter smaller than 2.5 microns (PM2.5). Is the Health Department looking at these studies and take them into consideration when advising the Lake County Board members?
- 17:49:39 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Are you aware the covid open burning restriction were ineffective as well as the enforcement. People in our neighborhood just kept burning any day of the week and enforcement lead to telephone tag with not impact on burning.
- 17:49:49 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : BLA bla bla we dont want it. Your own data shows that
- 17:49:57 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Either serve us or serve burgers at Arbys
- 17:51:06 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Have you considered establishing compost sites like the one in Pleasant Prairie WI?
- 17:51:49 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Would you consider a drop off service where homeowners could drop off their leaves and branches?
- 17:52:00 From [REDACTED] All panelists : You guys have succesfully brought up Zero reasons for anyone to want this
- 17:52:02 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Congrats!
- 17:52:33 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : NEVER let a GOOD CRISIS go to Waste!
- 17:52:50 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Is the pandemic that didn't live up to the hype the impetus for this initiative ?
- 17:53:07 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I really do hope that the amount of trees and bushes on the property are taken into consideration. We have a dogwood hedge which contains at least 35 fully grown bushes. I'm in the process of cutting them now and I just can't imagine if we had to bag all the cuttings. We are on an acre and have been burning only on the days allowed.

17:53:11 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : I did all of Rahms commercials... btw.. So expect a lot of resistance on this. I will be finding people to replace you

17:53:35 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : who took the first survey then?

17:53:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Please include a weblink to this presentation via email as well

17:53:48 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : It numbers on the pie chart seemed a bit skewed. It was a very small percentage that preferred no burning at all. A majority of responses preferred to have some type of burning allowed.

17:54:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Do you think the benefit of reducing the burning is better than adding all the landscaping/hauler companies on the roads.

17:54:51 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Will the slides be available online ?

17:55:17 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : If you pass this, start looking for another job Eric. Election season is around the corner

17:55:32 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Thank you so much for offering this seminar. Please add the Senators Office to the subscription list for updates and myself msanchez-fischer@sgop.ilga.gov and wilcox@ilsenategop.org

17:55:51 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Why do you need 2 surveys?

17:55:59 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : We said no

17:56:02 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : No means no

17:56:09 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : rape culture

17:56:24 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : One last point: I am wondering if the rules could be specific to location? An example would be no restrictions in Antioch, which is a lower population area, but some restrictions in Deerfield, which is a more densely populated area.

17:56:34 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : No means no Eric.

17:56:36 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Will the August 4th meeting be a zoom meeting?

17:56:37 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Kudos on a really well-organized and effective meeting! The presentations were clear, focused and informative. Thank you!

17:56:45 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : No means No.

17:57:06 From [REDACTED] to All panelists : Conversations over.

## **SECTION 2**

**Responses – Round 1 Open Burning**

**Survey July 20, 2021**

ID	Date and Time	Comments
1	3/17/21 12:12 AM	<p>Open burning can't be scheduled. 1) You can't schedule health issues like asthma. 2) Unless there is significant enforcement, the schedule will often be ignored anyway.</p> <p>We frequently have open burning a mile north of us that produces thick, heavy smoke that covers the road.</p> <p>Hainesville now includes yard waste pickup with the trash and it works well.</p>
2	4/26/21 5:10 PM	Testing
3	4/26/21 5:17 PM	While I sympathize with those that might have issues with open burning, it is with the same sympathy I have with those that live near an airport and complain about the noise. There was open burning when you moved in, if you don't like it, MOVE!
4	4/26/21 5:18 PM	Even though we're a mile from any unincorporated area, we often have smoke from burning there. You can't schedule sinus problems, asthma attacks, or other smoke related health issues.
5	4/26/21 5:19 PM	I have severe allergies and asthma, and open burning has a negative impact on my health.
6	4/26/21 5:20 PM	Open burning is just lazy. There are more practical, effective and environmentally sound options, but the path of least resistance is to toss some gas and a match on it. Saw it all the time in my village when leaf-only burning was allowed. It was horribly abused by people who were too lazy to bundle or bag their yard waste. Now they skirt the law by burning in those portable burn pits that look like low to the ground BBQ grills. We live in close enough proximity to unincorporated areas that allow open burning (or don't enforce the limited restrictions already in place) and you simply cannot escape the fumes. The actions of one person can negatively impact the well-being of thousands.
9	4/26/21 5:30 PM	I would like to see a total ban on open burning. I live in a community that's right next to the unincorporated areas of the county. When the burning takes place we can smell the smoke and it's difficult to breathe and we are unable to enjoy being outside.
10	4/26/21 5:38 PM	Open burning is dangerous and unhealthy. While we live in an incorporated area, the winds bring a great deal of smoke and ash to our neighborhood. We can't keep our windows open on burn days, and I am worried that live embers will start additional fires.



11	4/26/21 5:49 PM	I am a runner and controlled burning along the Des Plaines River Trail and Rollins Savannah is absolutely awful to breathe in. Landscape waste should be cleared and composted.
12	4/26/21 5:54 PM	My home is across the street from what is unincorporated Lake Villa. I cannot open windows to my home on nice days in the fall and spring due to the amount of burning. It is hard to breathe (I don't have breathing problems) sometimes and can't imagine if I had asthma or COPD. It does not matter whether there are certain days, people don't feel the rules apply to them and burn anyway. Possibly a leaf vacuum for the township that is paid for by the unincorporated areas or a garden service paid for by the homeowner. I understand some of the homes have very large properties, piling at the edge of the front of their property is easy to do. I pay to get stickers and bags for my garden waste to be picked up and it is not that much money for us. For all the back and forth with our environment you would think the Lake County board would want to help alleviate the pollution and the nuisance that burning causes. It is time to ban burning all together.
14	4/26/21 5:56 PM	I live just south of Lyons Woods and Beach Park. When there is a forest burn off and when local residents burn leaves, and when the wind is out of any northerly direction, my children and I have to use albuterol inhalers to breathe. The particulates in the smoke from burning leaves/grass cause us chest pain, irritated sinuses and burning eyes.
16	4/26/21 5:58 PM	Yard waste removal from my neighborhood has never (in 50 years) been sufficiently implemented due to inaccurate timing and waste restrictions and costs. Burning is a necessary freedom that the people of Lake County need to rid their yards of yearly waste leaves and trash. There should be minimal restrictions if any.
17	4/26/21 5:58 PM	I'm concerned about air pollution and safety if burning is allowed.
18	4/26/21 5:59 PM	The only thing that I would like to see is irresponsible burners to be fined. No water source to control the burn, no-one around to watch the fire ie I only had to go in for a second, and of course burning more than yard waste.
19	4/26/21 6:03 PM	I live in a community that is adjacent to an unincorporated area. I am personally affected when residents in the unincorporated area decide to burn their landscape waste as I am asthmatic and smoke triggers an asthma attack for me. When the temporary ban was partially lifted last year, I could not go outside on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays due to someone burning something.  When I lived downstate, residents were able to take landscape waste (tree limbs, landscape trimmings, grass clippings, etc.) to be disposed at a centralized (and controlled) burn pile or recycling center. Depending on the location, it was done at minimal to no cost. I think offering such an option, even with a per use fee, would be of use to all residents in the county, including unincorporated residents. This could help residents like me breathe easier in our neighborhoods, as well as possibly reduce the number of uncontrolled burns that happen across the county.

20	4/26/21 6:11 PM	Better to recycle all landscape waste through organic gardening techniques of covering landscape waste with dirt and allowing it to decompose and turning it into organic debris and using that to improve garden, woods, and farm lands!!!
21	4/26/21 6:14 PM	The practice of open burning is a health hazard. Smoke does not stay within the boundaries of unincorporated areas.
23	4/26/21 6:50 PM	The peak times where residents need to burn leaves and deadfall is typically in both spring and fall. Mount Vernon IL (long time ago) allowed residential residents to have open burning for two weeks, any day in both seasons and then limited burning to certain days. Residents should refrain from burning green which causes heavier smoke. Limiting burning to specific days for the other 48 weeks in the year was satisfactory. This should not include a bonfire pit experience.
24	4/26/21 6:53 PM	Not sure of the alternatives, but really want to see no burning. I bag my leaves, take them to the dump. Work with Universities to create better solutions, burning is the easy way.
25	4/26/21 6:57 PM	Given the technologies available today for composting, wood chipping/recycling, etc., there are very legitimate reasons to burn landscape waste. Brush can be chipped/ground into smaller pieces that can be composted or used as mulch.
28	4/26/21 7:25 PM	I live in Beach Park where burning of landscape waste is available from 4/1 until 11/30. However, the only restriction is not within 25 feet of a structure. I think it should be expanded to 150 feet of any structure. My neighbors burn and sometimes it smells like acrid smoke, meaning there is more than yard waste--but perhaps garbage also.
33	4/26/21 8:46 PM	I live in Green Oaks and there is a patch of unincorporated Lake County just south of Independence Grove Forest Preserve. There are multiple times per year that our neighborhood and the forest preserve are "smoked out" by people burning leaves. There are days when we didn't go outside even though it was gorgeous out because of all the smoke. Please make it stop!
34	4/26/21 8:51 PM	Living on property with trees and twigs and limbs blowing down the wood is too much to bag. If some wood is burned it takes no more than a couple of hours. For the health of people burning should not be permitted on weekends when people are at home and not working. Burning should only be permitted from 8 a. m. to 3 p.m. on week days as many people are at work.
35	4/26/21 8:53 PM	Controlling greenhouse gas emissions thru banning landscape waste burns is like jumping over a dollar to get a penny. Natural landscapes and managing them on site prevents the hauling emissions and many landscape contractors just burn the weeds and trimmings on other locations. Better to encourage a culture of natural landscapes than prevent or restrict the use of burning. I am still sore that Hawthorn Woods took away my ability to control burn my rain garden in spring and manage my property as the LCFPF manages our communal property.
37	4/26/21 9:20 PM	This survey process is flawed, because you have not provided alternatives. If there are efficient, non-polluting services that will dispose of environmental waste at a reasonable cost, then I would oppose all open burning by

		landowners. Similarly, if there are alternatives to burning that landowners can use to compost or otherwise naturally dispose of landscaping waste on their property, then I would oppose open burning. But if neither of those are true, then I recommend the alternatives that I have marked above to allow, but limit, open burning.
39	4/26/21 10:24 PM	The burning damages the atmosphere and creates annoying burning smell. With the fires in California damaging the atmosphere we all should feel obligated to not add to the pollution. As a runner, I am not able to run some days due to the poor air quality. On certain days when temps and conditions are right the higher atmospheric air swaps with the air on land that we breathe, this brings all the toxins from burning down to our lungs. I vote no open burning at all! I don't even burn in my fireplace.
40	4/26/21 10:32 PM	My Sister passed away from Lung Cancer and she never smoked. The doctors did feel burning leaves for the past 47 years may have contributed to it. My older sister also has Chronic COPD. I hate the smell and am very glad I live in Inc. Lake County and don't have to smell the fumes.
41	4/26/21 10:52 PM	Open burning is toxic to many who suffer with asthma and other lung diseases.
42	4/26/21 11:55 PM	Burning is unhealthy for living beings. Stop this, please.
43	4/27/21 12:53 AM	A balanced approach is needed on the topic. Limiting when and how much can be burned coupled with a comprehensive plan for pick up of materials.  Thank you for asking for citizen input!
44	4/27/21 1:28 AM	I live next to unincorporated Lake County property in Hawthorn Woods and am tired of breathing in yard waste
46	4/27/21 3:39 AM	Certain days the burning coats the entire subdivision with smoke, and the smoke doesnt know to stay within the unincorporated zones. It is terrible, this day and age and all the talk about global warming, climate change and going green people should be more courteous towards the environment and other people. Our neighbor's son is asthmatic and certain times of the year can't go outside due to the smoke from burning.
49	4/27/21 3:12 PM	The wind carries the smoke with whatever contaminants are in it, around the whole area. It doesn't just stay in the unincorporated areas making this a health issue for everyone. Not to mention it smells horrible and add anxiety when people think something nearby is burning. The garbage companies in the areas should do better to make landscape waste disposal easier and cheaper for all residents.
50	4/27/21 5:38 PM	My breathing and allergies are extremely affected by open burning.
51	4/27/21 7:50 PM	It is very difficult and DANGEROUS for folks with lung issues or disease to have to breathe the burning landscape detritus from all these properties that have been allowed to burn-even if just passing through an unincorporated area.

		From my perspective, those folks who are currently burning should either compost or haul away to the dump or both. Thank you for asking!!!!
52	4/27/21 11:33 PM	Allergies Would also like to see a ban on "camp fires" on private homeowner properties.
54	4/28/21 12:51 PM	My choice says it all
55	4/28/21 1:16 PM	We need this to keep the environment healthy
56	4/28/21 1:30 PM	As a Realtor, many clients look to unincorporated areas for the benefit of permitted open burning.
57	4/28/21 1:59 PM	We are expected to keep up our properties, we should be able to do this without added cost removal of leaves and fallen limbs.
58	4/28/21 2:44 PM	It is a seeming contradiction that the county board is considering banning/restricting burning while those same members, in their role as forest preserve commissioners, permit prescribed burns in the forest preserve. I know the forest preserve burns serve a good purpose, but smoke is smoke, and the forest preserve burns are just as intrusive as a neighbor's leaf burning.
59	4/28/21 3:30 PM	I feel this is necessary part of landscape maintenance and defers the excessive cost of debris removal to homeowners. If you choose to restrict, might I suggest a permit based option, affordable cost (no more than \$25 annually) where the homeowner reviews safely guidelines for the permit
60	4/28/21 3:31 PM	there is not enough open burning happening to cause a substantial threat in lake county. There are great emission issues like having both a garbage truck and recycling trucks on the road and adding another diesel vehicle to the roads to pick up yard waste is worst then some landscape burning.
63	4/28/21 8:15 PM	Vernon Hills backs up to Indian Creek, which seems to allow open burning. The area is much to populated to allow any burning whatsoever. We have too much air pollution in general and the leaves and grasses absorb the pollution, so it releases more toxins when open burned. Some of the people are adding garbage and plywood and plastic into the fires and are actually releasing known carcinogens into the air.
65	4/28/21 8:52 PM	I have bad respiratory problems including asthma. Smoke of any kind causes me difficulty breathing. That includes landscape burning, firepits, and even barbecue grills. Although our home came with a fireplace we did not allow it to be included when our home was built. With all of the hoopla about climate change not allowing landscape burning is a "no brainer". Our waste hauler also takes away all of our landscape waste. Back when I was able to mow the lawn I double and sometimes triple mowed it to mulch the clippings even though our waste hauler would have taken them just to keep the clippings out of land fills. Unincorporated Antioch is less than a half mile from where I live and a property there burns their landscape waste all season long.
68	4/28/21 9:18 PM	Living adjacent to Indian Creek open burning is an issue that goes beyond municipal boundaries. Fire risk and health implications affect us all. For the numerous residents with respiratory impairment (asthma, COPD, COVID

		damage, etc) this is a real issue that not only affects quality of life, but limits activities of daily living and necessitates additional medical care. Environmental impact is a significant concern.
69	4/28/21 9:19 PM	Too many folks from the city moving here and demanding we change our ways. Leave it alone
70	4/28/21 9:47 PM	As someone who has suffered life-long with asthma and other breathing disorders, I think that all burning of leaves and brush and any other yard waste should be banned completely. Unfortunately the smoke and such that is created by open burning does not stay on a particular homeowners properly. All air is shared air. I cannot open my windows or go outside and enjoy my backyard space when the neighbors are burning. Please be considerate of those of us who have asthma or other breathing disorders and how serious it can be when we can't breathe because you want to burn your yard waste.
72	4/28/21 10:31 PM	I am surrounded by unincorporated and there's nothing worse than not being able to enjoy sitting outside because people around me are burning leaving. It stinks and makes your eyes burn. Additionally, I'd like to see leaf vacuum options for all of 60046 zip code. We have a heavily wooded lot, and it's ridiculous I have to pay a landscaper to haul leaves when others in the zip code in regular subdivisions get leaf vacuum options.
73	4/28/21 10:34 PM	IT IS HARD TO BREATH FROM THE FUMES THAT FLOAT IN THE AIR. IF SOMEONE HAS UNDER LYING CAUSES IT IS HARD TO BREATH. BESIDES OUR CLOTHES SMELL WHEN YOU WALK OUTSIDE.
74	4/28/21 11:18 PM	As someone who walks throughout Lake County daily, I have respiratory issues, and when walking through areas near leaf burning, even during the new restricted morning hours, I am affected, as are many who live in the area.
75	4/28/21 11:32 PM	The smoke from burning landscape waste poses a health hazard for anyone with breathing issues like asthma. Smoke does not remain at its source; the wind blows it into areas where people can be adversely affected. Allowing open burning anywhere makes no more sense than allowing smoking in "restricted" parts of restaurants. It ought to be totally banned.
76	4/29/21 1:36 AM	leave it alone!
77	4/29/21 4:28 AM	I think a total ban on open burning is needed. It is a health hazard for those with respiratory issues such as asthma & copd. It also aggravates allergies. For people who are currently ill from COVID-19 or are dealing with long-term lung issues from the virus, the smoke aggravates their condition.
78	4/29/21 10:55 AM	I have asthma, and air quality is very important. Although I live in Waukegan, I have neighbors who burn their yard waste every year and the smoke drifts into my yard and even my home. I believe a full ban would be appropriate, but if necessary, having one or two days every other week where burning was permitted only during the weeks of heaviest leaf fall, similar to the schedule of the leaf pickup in Waukegan, that would make sense.
79	4/29/21 12:08 PM	De-forestation operations are carried out throughout the country, which benefit the environment. How is this any different. Let them burn.

80	4/29/21 12:57 PM	Burning landscape waste on smaller lots is unbearable for those with COPD
82	4/29/21 1:10 PM	Big fan of Walter & SWALCO. My thoughts are that landfills will reach their capacity sooner than desirable. Would an alternative be to have more County compost sites and promote individual composting? Unincorporated lots have the potential to be larger and with more trees generating leaves. Homeowners struggle with how to manage this debris & if they could reuse this material vs burning, it would be a win-win. DB
83	4/29/21 1:13 PM	Only recreational burning should be allowed. I live in Hawthorn Woods (bordering Long Grove). It is great inconvenience from Long Grove opening burning, smokes and smell.
85	4/29/21 1:45 PM	To be consistent, if you ban open burning on private property, then you have to ban controlled burns within the forest preserves. No?
86	4/29/21 1:51 PM	We own roughly 2 acres in Hawthorn Woods. Almost 35 years ago, we had our property declared a 'Backyard Wildlife Habitat' as part of the Federal program. Our certificate number is: 7679. In order to maintain our Habitat we must open burn every year.  So if Lake County is going to prohibit 'open burning' then please give us an exemption so we can maintain our 'Backyard Wildlife Habitat'.  That's our input.
88	4/29/21 2:02 PM	Burning of landscape waste in unincorporated affects the air quality in the incorporated areas as well. I would like to see the unincorporated areas use landscape waste pickup like the the incorporated areas have to improve air quality throughout the county.
89	4/29/21 2:48 PM	We would like to choice to open burn when needed... Thanks!
91	4/29/21 3:04 PM	We need to keep burning. Do not add any restrictions
94	4/29/21 4:37 PM	I live adjacent to Forest lake, an unincorporated neighborhood. We cannot open window, go outdoors, or even turn on heating and cooling as that air is drawn in my home. Burning leaves cause severe breathing problems for my family members.  This issue is not about leaves. This is a human rights issue about access to clean air. We chose to live in a town with large lots and lots of trees...and we do not burn. We mow/mulch. We should not have to leave our homes because Lake County residents can burn in theirs.
95	4/29/21 4:42 PM	Clean air is a human rights issue. They do not burn in Hawthorn Woods and Long Grove and we have large lots with lots of trees. The leaves in the fall are mowed/mulched just as nature intended it. Polluting our breathing air removes our rights to breathe clean air and stay in our homes. Lake County needs to do their part to keep our air free of particulates every day, not just some days. It costs no extra

		money to mow your leaves, and it is better for the soil. A healthy Lake County is your mission. Enact the legislation to create it.
96	4/29/21 5:02 PM	<p>Stop trying to create MORE government intrusions on people's lives. These types of issues should be only on a case by case basis if there is a large nuisance. We do NOT need any more laws or regulations.</p> <p>The county has WAY more important issues to focus on, like reducing our property tax burden and removing the gas tax increase. The focus should be on LESS government in our lives, NOT more. Cut government wast on frivolous expenditures, people are hurting in this county from the Governor's destruction of our state's economy by locking down healthy people.</p> <p>You should be spending your time pushing to spread this year's property tax payments to split in 6-8 smaller payments! FOCUS.</p>
97	4/29/21 5:17 PM	Open burning is a health hazard. I the landscape waste bag stickers are made available to residents of unincorporated areas at a reasonable cost, they should be required to use them in the same way residents of incorporated areas are.
99	4/29/21 5:29 PM	We very often notice smokiness in the air especially in the summer and fall and are forced to close our windows and stay indoors.
100	4/29/21 5:53 PM	I just sold our home in unincorporated Lake County; we lived there for 28 years; and I know the open burning needs for residents in the Fox Lake Hills area. There are many Oak Trees in the area. In the Fall, there is normally a large amount of leaves that fall. The leaves destroy the grasses if left to lie. If burning is to take place, it will occur for equivalently short periods in an annual time frame for residents to experience any discomfort from burning the leaves in season.
101	4/29/21 6:08 PM	Burning restrictions should specifically exclude controlled prairie fires and similar conservation efforts of open lands by qualified and trained individuals.
102	4/29/21 7:48 PM	<p>Open burning of landscape waste releases toxins into the air and they travel with the wind to affect other residents in their path.</p> <p>People with asthma, COPD, lung cancer are negatively affected and may have to go to the ER for treatment when exposed to the smoke that is produced by the burning.</p> <p>It seems that with the ability to compost, property owners should opt for that if they have sufficient acreage to do so. Or to pay for the removal of yard waste as do residents in villages.</p>
103	4/29/21 7:50 PM	my wife has bad asthma and allergies. we smell smoke from burning most afternoons and evenings. some days it is so bad we must close windows and cannot use our patio or hot tub.there is no need for burning any where in lake county.
104	4/29/21 8:22 PM	In some cases there is no financially viable alternative, except to burn leaves. To put a ban in place would make it almost impossible to get rid of leaves on some properties in Lake Co. To put a time or day of the week restriction

		<p>may seem to make sense, but leaves fall when they want and dry, no or low wind days, when it would be best to burn, may not come on a certain day allowed.</p> <p>In towns years ago there were sometimes one day a week when burning was not allowed, but that was to allow people to hang out clothes to dry on that day w/o smoke in the air. Not many do that anymore, even in rural areas. Recycling is a good idea in principle, but too expensive for some, especially if you have to pay a lawn service co. to remove, or you have to transport them elsewhere.</p> <p>Oak leaves are easiest to burn, because they decay and dry before they even fall, and burn like paper. Maple leaves retain much of their moisture content, and may be why some fires are quite smoky.</p>
105	4/29/21 8:58 PM	I don't think burning of lawn waste if necessary, there are composting and lawn waste disposal options that do not involve burning and the smoke associated that cause respiratory issues for some people.
106	4/29/21 9:20 PM	So many Lake County residents are required to pay for landscape waste removal. All Lake County residents should be bound by similar requirements. I have seen unincorporated landscape fires that have more than just landscape materials in their burns. However the most important issue is AIR QUALITY. We must do more to protect our air quality.
107	4/29/21 9:32 PM	If a service is used, it must be better than the leaf service being used in incorporated areas like Mundelein. The service being offered is erratic and some times does not complete before being buried in snow. Also in unincorporated areas, there maybe larger land plats where they would need to get rid of land waste in bigger volumes than is reasonably affordable in a weekly yard refuse pick-up. Something special should be considered year-round for them.
109	4/29/21 10:23 PM	The air is dirty enough .
114	4/30/21 3:51 PM	Burning of landscape waste creates particulate pollution. It poses serious health risks to people with respiratory conditions. We all know the composting is the natural way to treat yard waste. It's reusable as fertilizer and mulch. Burning just creates pollution. Provide yard waste pickup as a normal part of household waste collection. Investigate use of government environmental protection programs as a way to support this form of pollution prevention. My neighbors burn their yard waste. It environmentally damaging and inconsiderate.
115	4/30/21 4:14 PM	We do so much for open lands and have such a great outdoor environment, I can't believe we are still allowing leaf burning. Let's get this stopped! Thanks.
116	4/30/21 4:22 PM	Open burning results in acid smells and smoke that travel outside of unincorporated areas and impact other communities. Please ban it for the health of residents with respiratory issues.
117	4/30/21 4:40 PM	I live near unincorporated Libertyville. The leaf burning on Buckley need to stop. It is bad for our health and that of the environment.
118	4/30/21 4:51 PM	Composting is best. Any property can have an area set aside for composting. A small ventilated fire of dry leaves or sticks can be pleasant, but people



		always seem to burn wet leaves after a rain, and fill the neighborhood with smoke. I don't know how to quantify the amount of smoke produced, but sometimes it's obviously excessive. A vertical plume of translucent smoke is fine, but when thick smoke rolls among the houses, it should not be allowed.
121	4/30/21 6:19 PM	We can't open our windows when the unincorporated areas burn. Would prefer it was not allowed at all or if you have to allow it if it was one day a month only
122	4/30/21 6:31 PM	My wife gets sick if she's around the smoke from burning leaves for very long.
123	4/30/21 6:32 PM	Some of my neighbors even though we do Not live in unincorporated Lake County are still burning yard waste. It is awful smelling and makes it difficult to breathe, and because we live so close together, windows must be shut. It is not allowed, but individuals still continue to do so, possibly because it costs money to dispose of their tree limbs and leaves.
124	4/30/21 6:40 PM	Eliminate leaf burning. Even those of us that live in an incorporated area are stuck breathing the smoke filled air when our unincorporated neighbors burn their leaves. Campfires and fire pits are fine - but leaf burning can be replaced by leaf pickup like we have in Mundelein. Burning leaves can't be healthy for residents or for the environment.
126	4/30/21 6:47 PM	Environmentally bad for the air causing adverse climate change
128	4/30/21 8:22 PM	Safety should be utmost but otherwise no restrictions on casual burning of yard waste.
129	4/30/21 8:28 PM	I grew up in CA, initially near some oil refineries and later on near some extremely dry landscapes (which often resulted in unsafe fires). I have felt the impact of poor air quality; it is not only unpleasant, but expensive for all those exposed. Because there seem to be enough alternatives (and even a growing demand) for the compost and wood chips produced by foliage and trees to avoid the "need" for open burning, it makes sense from a financial, environmental, and public safety POV to invest in long-term infrastructure to make an open burn ban permanent. Also, looking at the Lake County map, it's difficult to know which areas approve of open burning, so however the decision goes, I will likely continue to call the non-urgent Lake County line whenever I see a large fire and I can't tell if it's being managed properly or not.
130	4/30/21 8:47 PM	I have lived in unincorporated areas before and understand the ease of open burn for landscape waste. However, in two of these previous unincorporated properties they were under/about 1 acre which is not really so big that I needed open burn rights. Honestly, I could still easily get my yard waste to the street. But for larger lots (5+ acres) it may not be so easy to get landscape waste to the street. So maybe lots over 5 acres could retain open burn rights of landscape waste WITH REMINDERS to NOT burn invasives, chemicals, garbage, tires, etc.  Maybe look to see how many lots in unincorporated Lake Cty really are over/under 5 acres and over/under 1 acre. I suspect that Lake Cty doesn't have too many truly large lots left anymore compared to true country

		<p>settings in McHenry Cty and DeKalb Cty.</p> <p>Also, maybe look at what most of Lake Cty's individual villages are doing. Their wording for open burn restrictions might be a guiding post for your efforts at the County level.</p>
132	4/30/21 10:44 PM	The smoke coming from these open burns is hazardous to one's health. It's a carcinogen just like if someone was smoking cigarettes. My neighbor behind us, who is in unincorporated lake county, burns all the time. I can't even open my doors or windows when he burns. My whole house fills up with that stinky smell. He has even left his "burns" unattended, and sometimes we were forced to call the lake county police out of caution.
133	5/1/21 1:38 AM	Neighbors burn in Vernon Hills and it is so hard to breath . It's bad for people and the environment.
134	5/1/21 2:05 AM	The smoke makes it very difficult to breathe for me. I have to avoid any contact at all.
135	5/1/21 3:01 AM	many 'unincorporated' sites are adjacent to incorporated neighborhoods. People with allergies, and more importantly, COPD live in these adjacent neighborhoods and are adversely affected with burning of landscape waste.
138	5/1/21 6:19 PM	Burning in any area does not stay in that area. The rancid air in from burning leaves and other debris pollutes the air for everyone. I live residential, and neighbors illegally burn yard waste. (And old furniture, and wet wood etc...) It is a smoky smolder that lasts for days and is often unattended. Backyard fires are smelly, and not everyone can breathe in that air. When the weather is beautiful we have to close windows because they choose to burn. This should be illegal in 1/4 acre lots - it cant be escaped and not breathing really isnt an option!
139	5/2/21 12:18 PM	As much as we pay for property taxes in Lake County, we should be able to do whatever we choose on our property. If my neighbors have a health issue or a problem with my burning, I'll address it with them individually to maintain safety and courtesy.
140	5/2/21 1:32 PM	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] There is a wooded area also located to the South, which has a lot of dead trees &amp; brush. The smoke from the landscape burning creates respiratory issues for residents, especially along the trail &amp; park areas. The smell gets into the nearby homes. It is worse on foggy/humid days when the air is thick and it is a slow burn. Also I am concerned about safety - the burning could spread through the wooded area if not properly controlled. It would be best if open burning is restricted to areas that are not immediately next to residential communities.</p>
141	5/3/21 12:37 AM	I live in Gurnee but am surrounded by unincorporated areas. What you/we do affects each other. Yard upkeep —and snow removal- are the property owner's responsibility. My yard has plenty of trees, including the parkway, and it's a big job to clean leaves each spring and fall (hint: reverse the leaf blower so it picks up and mulch light coverings with the lawn mower). My spouse and I will both be 73 next month and I won't bore you with a list of physical ailments, including asthma from outdoor smoke (fire pits that are

		now smokey bonfires don't help either). But the leaves are up. Snow is shoveled. Grass is mowed, too. For everyone to live in a healthy and congenial manner, we must all do our part. We are all part of a community. If the yard and trees are too much work, it's time to think of other living options, instead of harming others by open burning.
142	5/3/21 2:55 AM	You will please many of those who want leaf burning ban if you crack down on burning trash, provide leaf pickup. But don't band open burning. Limit it for safety, but people not wanting to smell the smoke could have bought a house incorporated areas.
147	5/3/21 7:34 PM	I am asthmatic and enjoy the outdoors and keep my house open in summer. I am a bicyclist riding 5000+ miles a year and cover many surrounding counties a rural unincorporated areas. I have no problem with burning as long as overall air quality is maintained, but location is important. It doesn't matter how many acres you have if you are burning next to the roadway or you neighbors residence with the wind blowing the smoke at them. When I'm out riding hard it is not pleasant to have to hold your breath as you pass through a cloud of smoke from someone burning on the side of the road. I have neighbors who occasionally burn but they understand my concerns and try to burn when the wind is away from me. I personally don't burn, but chip and compost everything. Landscape waste should be composted but I suspect that's not an easy option on a county wide basis.
148	5/3/21 8:07 PM	There is no wall tall enough to prevent the disease causing toxins from open burning of leaves, and other landscape waste, from spreading into incorporated areas. Stop this deadly practice now please! Ask the people burning if they would like their asthmatic child to live downwind of one of their fires. They may not know or care that 1 in 11 children, and almost the same percentage of adults, suffer from asthma and cannot function when they burn. If they don't care too bad. End this deadly practice now!
149	5/3/21 11:28 PM	i used to live in Buffalo Grove and they did not charge for yard waste. Maybe it was part of the price but I would like to see it included in monthly fee
151	5/4/21 1:24 PM	The smoke from landscape waste burning cannot be contained to ONLY the allowable property area in Lake County. It spreads in the air, just like if someone pees in a swimming pool it spreads and mixes to the rest of the pool water, or when someone smokes a cigarette and everyone around that one person has to breathe in that person's stink and second hand smoke.  We live in the [REDACTED] and we can smell burning grass clippings [REDACTED] which is approximately two miles away from our house. Someone else regularly burns their garbage. It causes air pollution and it is very unpleasant smelling and unhealthy to be inhaling that smell. In the summer we like to sit outside and choose not to because of the burning smells.

152	5/4/21 8:52 PM	In the land of the free, we don't need any more restrictions. Lasting family memories are made around a fire. It's been that way since the dawn of time and should absolutely remain.
153	5/5/21 4:26 PM	I've lived in Riverwoods for 38 years and burn my branches and plant waste about twice a year. I follow all the local ordinances and take care not to burn on windy days or when the wind direction would carry ashes over my neighbor's pool. In so much as I am a senior living on a small pension, having to pay for disposal by an outside firm. It would be a financial burden I would greatly oppose.  [REDACTED]
154	5/5/21 5:40 PM	No matter where the unrestricted burning occurs, it affects overall air quality. All waste should only be disposed of in a regulated manner.  I've also seen burning of yard waste and similar materials in incorporated town and cities taking place. The minute you allow some people to do it, there will always be others who will take advantage of it as well.
156	5/5/21 6:51 PM	Hello,  We live in Libertyville and our property/neighborhood borders unincorporated Libertyville. Property owners frequently burn their landscape waste. We strong support a total ban on open burning. Open burning pollutes the air with poisonous substances and should not be allowed. On days when winds are calm smoke lingers in the air making it very difficult to be outside and breathe. You can see the haze. Please consider no burning in Lake County unless it's done by professionals.  Thank you for your consideration and keeping the air clean!  [REDACTED]
157	5/5/21 8:08 PM	Also my township Grant, and Fox Lake should ban all burning including camp fires in the city limits
158	5/5/21 8:34 PM	I vote for a total ban, else limit to Mondays and two Saturdays per month, with a two-hour time limit. It seems that we can never open our windows on a nice day, because unincorporated is burning something. Same for activities in Independence Grove, because it is right across Buckley Rd from an unincorporated area. We pay a landscaper to take away our trash and leaves. I believe curbside pickup also available here. But burning reaches far beyond the unincorporated areas, unfortunately always on nice weather days.
159	5/6/21 11:33 AM	I could not even drive through wadsworth without having to use my rescue inhaler because I started wheezing so badly not to mention No one reimburses for trips to the ER. Tried going to church on Saturday evenings instead of Sunday at OLH but it didn't matter. Either day people were burning. I ended up switching to a church in Kenosha where I didn't have to drive through the burning leaves. Too many people have have breathing

		issues now. I think getting a leaf sucker where they can rake to the curb rather than rake to a burn pile is healthier and safer for the county.
161	5/6/21 4:12 PM	Moved to Antioch in 2000 and driving on highway 59 from Antioch to highway 12 in the fall was terrible - had to shut my windows from smoke from everyone burning leaves etc. of course that did not help as smoke still made my eyes water and hard to breathe. But that changed in the past few years. I would prefer no burning but maybe better than putting in a landfill. Even having a certain day/s of the week is difficult, as it may rain on that particular day? I like what is going on right now as it is not so noticeable.
162	5/6/21 7:07 PM	Allow limited time (like 8-6), and only from October 1 to May 31st; basically, no burning in summer.
163	5/7/21 1:58 AM	I have a fire pit with bricks surrounding it and I don't see why I can't burn small branches in Hawthorn Woods. I think we should be allowed to do this responsibly. If you live on 1 acre or more this should be allowed.
165	5/12/21 4:38 PM	Landscape burning is horrible for those with allergies and asthma. Please provide limits to help ease symptoms from allergy and asthma sufferers. I am not for a total ban, for yard waste removal is pricy, and those owning a large plot of land should not be punished financially. However, those living on a 1 acre or smaller lot should pay to have yard waste removed. It would be wonderful if there as a discount for yard waste removal for larger plots.
166	5/13/21 6:48 PM	If other city/villages can ban open burning, unincorporated Lake County should be able to figure this out. This is a HEALTH issue and needs to be addressed.
167	5/14/21 2:21 PM	I have an acre of land which is partially wooded. There is a lot of buckthorn in the wooded section. How am I to get rid of the buckthorn and attempt to keep it partially wooded? Cutting it into nice little bundles is not a good option. If we do not have open burning, the best solution would be to cut down most of the trees, get rid of the native undergrowth and to plant grass. Then I would not need to burn, but I would be cutting the grass every week with a gas powered mower and the native plants would be gone.
168	5/14/21 4:39 PM	I live on outskirts of Wauconda [REDACTED] There is a property connected to the Home Owners property which I can see from my house. They have been clearing brush and burning it for a few weeks now, usually in the late afternoons and evenings. I was just diagnosed with COPD and smoke is one thing I have to avoid. I have neighbors in my area who agree. The smell of smoke seeps into my house and through the flu on my fireplace. I need there to be a total ban of burning in all of Lake County. I believe we are one of the few counties where this is not the law, but I believe it should be as it affects those of us who live nearby. Thank you for this survey.
170	5/19/21 10:11 PM	I hope your findings would also cover my neighbors burning their smoke comes in through my roof vent. My COPD and heart condition plus wife asthma with doors and windows closed
171	5/20/21 11:34 AM	I live across the street from an unincorporated area where people love to burn. Even some of my neighbors feel free to burn. There's nothing more disgusting than opening my windows on a beautiful day only to have my house fill with those noxious odors. It makes me sick. Also we love walking

		<p>around our neighborhood only to be confronted by these horrible smells.</p> <p>Many times in the evening we love to open the windows when we sleep only to be met again with these foul odors. I can't imagine what these people are burning but it honestly happens most evenings. You'd think they'd run out of things to burn!</p> <p>Please make open burning illegal everywhere. That's the only fair option.</p> <p>We used to be able to burn our leaves in the fall in Hawthorn Woods. We have many trees and used to do it. Now we can't and we've found alternatives. Let's make it the norm and be able to enjoy clean air.</p> <p><b>NO TO ANY OPEN BURNING!</b></p> <p>████████████████████</p>
172	5/23/21 11:36 AM	Open burning is bad for the health of us all and terrible for the environment.
173	5/24/21 7:12 AM	<p>Open burning is a health hazard that directly and negatively affects my family. There are days when we struggle to be outside due to the smoke in our area, and we live in a town that does not allow it! How is it fair that residents of municipalities cannot burn landscape waste yet those living in unincorporated areas can, and thereby can still jeopardize our health? Smoke doesn't stay on the property of the resident doing the burning!! Those folks shouldn't have the "right" to pollute the air that we breathe, period. They can do what the rest of us do -- find other ways to dispose of their landscape waste.</p> <p>Choosing to live in an unincorporated area may have its advantages, but polluting our air shouldn't be one of them (any more than they should be allowed to dump toxic chemicals that might contaminate our water supply). Please change this outdated and archaic "loophole" in Lake County's health regulations as soon as possible. Ban open burning of landscape waste permanently. Thanks.</p>
175	5/29/21 4:45 AM	Waste hauling is just another EXPENSIVE cost to homeowners. I grew up on a farm and we didn't have all the restrictions placed on us by a socialistic government. There is MORE harm done from wildfires in the West because tree huggers won't let those in the logging industry, who actually know about proper conservation because it's their livelihood, to handle matters; too many laws/restrictions on burning; offer FREE yard waste disposal and I would be more open to the idea!!!
177	6/10/21 4:15 PM	I, like many others, have respiratory problems for which I take daily medication. While I live in incorporated Antioch, unincorporated property is fairly close to where I live and with certain wind conditions smoke can reach my property and interfere with my breathing. Also, with global warming concerns burning should be banned.

178	6/10/21 5:49 PM	I don't live in an unincorporated area of Lake County however, I live across the street from an area that is unincorporated and the burning is ridiculous. Nobody adheres to the times or the days. From the first nice day of spring until the last nice day of Fall I am unable to have my windows open without the smell of something burning or smoldering. I cannot sit out on my deck and enjoy my space without the overwhelming smell and smoke. Why burning is still allowed in this day and age of being barraged with green alternatives from our government I am surprised that this is still allowed. Please consider Waste Management, Groot or whomever to provide a garden service like the incorporated areas have. It is a small price to pay for the convenience and will reduce the smoke out that occurs in my area.
179	6/10/21 7:46 PM	I am concerned about air quality and individuals suffering from respiratory ailments.
180	6/10/21 7:55 PM	If open burning is harmful to those with Covid-19, it must be harmful to all of us and this is a pollutant that can be controlled. If not made permanent, Lake County should at least ban open burning for the duration of the dangerous drought we are experiencing.
181	6/21/21 2:33 PM	Pay for pickup like everyone else
183	7/2/21 5:28 PM	I live in Wauconda in Highland Terrace Townhomes. Bordering our property is unincorporated Lake County. Recently new owners have been clearing bush and burning them. I am 81 and have COPD. The smoke is sometimes so bad I can smell it through the damper on my fireplace and strongly when I venture out to get my mail. You cannot control where smoke goes, so I believe a total ban is necessary. I do not have the equipment to Zoom so am writing this to you to express my very strong opinion about banning open burn anywhere in Lake County. Open burning is unhealthy for any age group.
185	7/7/21 8:39 PM	Open burning should be allowed.
186	7/9/21 2:23 PM	Why would anyone move out of the city if they will encounter the same restrictions as in the city?
187	7/12/21 1:58 PM	open burning should be banned outright. It is not necessary, is bad for the environment, and it interferes with others' use and enjoyment of their own property-forcing closed windows in order to avoid the carcinogenic smoke and smell of it.
188	7/12/21 2:06 PM	the particulates released via open burning contribute to air quality issues. there are better ways to deal with this. this isn't a "freedom" thing - it's a respect for your neighbor and ecology issue. make it a total ban.
189	7/12/21 2:17 PM	I have asthma and the open burn will trigger an attack. When neighbors burn (when they shouldn't be) I cannot be outside to garden or enjoy the outdoors in my own backyard. I cannot see any advantage to having an open burn and I can't think that it is good for our environment and air quality. All yard waste should be bagged up and disposed of with the local waste disposal company. Thank you.
190	7/12/21 3:22 PM	Burning adds to pollution and those of us with allergies do not need any more damage to environment

191	7/12/21 10:46 PM	<p>Paramedics have been called to our workplace because two individuals are on asthma treatment inhalers. When smoke comes from across the street in unincorporated Forest Lake, our air conditioners pick up the smoke and the irritants cause them to stop breathing. This happens every spring and fall.</p> <p>Please ban outdoor landscape burning. Mulch mowers can crunch the leaves without any additional costs.</p>
192	7/13/21 12:35 PM	Please consider tax/fund allocation to offset open burning carbon footprint.
194	7/13/21 8:59 PM	I used to live in unincorporated Lake County and I safely burned leaves all the time with no complaints. I don't think you understand the amount of work and added expense you're putting on people if they have to bag up all their leaves and pay to have them hauled away.
197	4/26/21 5:21 PM	There are far more important things the Board should be worrying about. You can try and stop it all you want but it will still happen no matter what. You are naive if you really believe otherwise.
198	4/26/21 5:23 PM	I do not want to see any additional restrictions on open burning.
200	4/26/21 5:50 PM	This is a political hack if I ever seen, where do make this shit up? This is not a survey, it's a what are going to charge you on your property! What another disappointment in the county!
202	4/26/21 6:08 PM	Please no stickers... I prefer having my landscape waste bin provided by Groot
203	4/26/21 6:29 PM	I burn leaves and , and i have a fire pit for wood fires. too many people are not educated and burn garbage and PLASTIC which is TOXIC, many times i am at home and i smell burning plastic, and this should not be allowed.
205	4/26/21 6:42 PM	We have many large old oaks on 180' x 135' property. Not being able to burn would be a huge burden. Bagging would be ridiculous. We'd most likely need 100 bags to hold it all.
206	4/26/21 6:51 PM	Part of the reason I am in unincorporated is to have the ability to have a fire in my backyard. However, I have them rarely, and they are contained in a fire pit. They are not for the express purpose of removing landscape waste - that is a side benefit.
208	4/26/21 7:02 PM	The claim that burning of tree branches a few times a year causes COVID19 or makes COVID19 disease worse in the community is a ruse. This tactic manipulates current events and incites fear among uneducated people for political gain. This is despicable. We saw through this right away. If there are restrictions on burning branches, at least be honest that the real reason is to appease the people who don't like the smell of smoke and complain to the government about it. Also, the green bin that Avon Township citizens have from Lakes Disposal holds very little. If there are any tree trimmings, a separate pickup with extra fee is required--this fact is verified in the survey link. Banning the burning of yard waste is discriminatory against people with wooded lots, farmers, and others outside of gated communities. Ban the burning of household garbage if something must be done.



210	4/26/21 7:52 PM	<p>Drive into the Venetian Village/West Miltmore area on a beautiful fall day and you'll see a cloud of smoke hanging over the whole area. In spring as well, but not to the same extent. Residents burn leaves, grass clippings and yard waste, often in the drainage ditch. Often the fires left unattended, and the wind is blowing the smoke and sparks directly at neighbors' homes. It's an environmental hazard, a health hazard to those of us who have difficulty breathing the smoke filled air, and a nuisance that prevents others from being able to enjoy being outside or even open their windows. Residents will not favor increases to their disposal bills. But isn't there an opportunity for Lake Villa Township to obtain equipment to pick up leaves on designated days, perhaps in partnership with another town(ship)? They do a great job on branch chipping, leaf pick-up would help</p> <p>Drive around and you'll see junk, debris, vehicles, and illegal burning. Restrictions are not enforced — why not?!</p>
211	4/26/21 7:52 PM	<p>I don't want any more regulations telling me what I can and cannot do. I now have the freedom to use various waste haulers. I believe each provides yard waste options, whether stickers per bag or an annual fee or such. I want the ability to choose like I have now. I rarely burn yard waste but like knowing I have the option if I should want to.</p> <p>If you put in regulations then how do you enforce it? I used to have a neighbor that burned other trash at 6am and it smelled horrible. Another neighbors parents come over and burn yard waste. Then go back to their house and leave the fire smoldering and unattended. Too difficult to enforce .</p>
214	4/26/21 9:04 PM	<p>I would like to see recreational fires continue to be allowed. Landscape hauling here in Warren Township is good. I mulch my leaves and think that this should be required. Recycling and trash hauling are good here.</p>
217	4/26/21 10:07 PM	<p>Burning open landscape waste is an issue not only for air quality but burning can also exacerbate drought conditions which will have a cumulative effect with worsening effects of climate change. Waste reduction and local composting efforts can help alleviate the need to have open burning but would require more coordination with property owners or housing unit landlords.</p>
218	4/26/21 10:24 PM	<p>I mulch grass clippings and leaves. I burn over 30 cubic yards of leaves every year (fall/spring season.) Any leaf / yard waste solution needs to handle 3-4 cubic yards per week for a 6 week period spread out between fall &amp; spring. Bags/stickers are not a viable solution to handle this volume. In addition to burning, I am paying extra (\$275 annual) for a 1/3 cubic yard weekly lawn refuse pickup.</p>
220	4/26/21 10:56 PM	<p>I think that burning should be allowed at least certain days of the week in spring and fall. Fire pits should be allowed all year. Garbage or magazines should not be allowed to be burned. The area for leaves should be your fire pit or a receptacle in your fire pit. There is no place for us to take are landscape debris and honestly composting doesn't work for the year after year piles that accumulate. Hauling is too expensive for the amount of</p>

		yearly debris. We have a little over an acre and limited burning works great. The cooled damp ash then is worked into gardens.
222	4/26/21 11:31 PM	I see no reason to get rid of our burning privileges. There is nothing dangerous about it; we supervise our burning and maintain a safe level and height of fire. We do not burn garbage. We burn twigs and leaves. To take away this means of maintenance would only cause problems for us as property owners and tax payers. Plus, we enjoy our fires! they area time to socialize, be productive, and enjoy tasty s'mores! :)
224	4/27/21 1:15 AM	I do not think that burning of yard waste should be banned totally - just restricted to certain days, as it is now. I do not think that more rules & controls are in order , we have far too many in existence now! Divisive control leads to more sectarianism.
225	4/27/21 1:18 AM	Living in a heavily wooded area, having the ability to burn leaves, branches, etc is very important to us. Lake County should not change the law and ban or restrict burning. We need less rules and restrictions in our county and state, not more.
226	4/27/21 2:10 AM	My biggest concern is enforcement. There are already laws that are so rarely enforced and reporting illegal burning is nerve-wracking because your anonymity doesn't feel protected and, often, it's neighbors breaking the laws. There needs to be an easy way to report violations online anonymously.
228	4/27/21 2:17 AM	I live in an area with constant open burning of yard waste even though our township, Avon, provides yard waste and food scrap collection at no additional cost. The fires are managed poorly, happen often and fill the neighborhood and my house with smoke.
229	4/27/21 2:52 AM	I live in Ingleside and I am surrounding by oak trees which end up on my property. I clean up my property by some of my neighbors do not. There are WAY too many leaves to pay to have taken away. I compost almost all. I work full time and burning is only allowed Tues, Thurs and Sat. I honor that but most people do not. People were burning almost daily in the fall and recently even on Easter. Even though Forest Preserve burns outside those days. I am afraid to leave the leaves because of all the fireworks in the area. Bottom line is that unless you are actively going to enforce the restrictions, don't bother making them because people are not following the fireworks or burning restrictions, It only hurts working people that try to follow the restrictions.
233	4/27/21 5:20 AM	I have asthma and when all of my neighbors are burning on the weekends it is extremely difficult to breathe. Also there is Ash all over my deck and cars
237	4/27/21 12:52 PM	I mulch what I can and burn the rest. Burning allowed one or two days a week will work for me. Burning hours from 10:00AM to 4:00PM would be ideal. There are still properties around me who burn trash and garbage. We need better enforcement of those issues.
239	4/27/21 1:31 PM	I sympathize with those who suffer from allergies/health issues which are exacerbated by smoke, however in my experience, the amount of burning in our neighborhood is minimal and seasonal. We just close our windows when we or our neighbors are burning. It would be a bothersome expense and

		inconvenience to have to bag our lawn waste. At 65 years of age, it is very difficult to physically do this and being on a fixed income makes it problematic economically. I would hope by limiting the days and times, and perhaps even the months burning is allowed that the needs of the majority of people could be met. Thank you for your consideration.
241	4/27/21 2:26 PM	I think the current open burn should stay. If you want to limited to certain days of the week I can understand that. I'm afraid a ban will lead to more dumping and additional costs. This would also mean additional work and hauling for brush and tree wood for homeowners with larger parcels. It may also lead to a lot more overgrowth and unsightly fire risks.
242	4/27/21 2:28 PM	Lake Villa township has been wonderful picking up all large branches, I place on the street. This reduces the burning. However living a heavy wooded area we have large amounts of debris. No burning restriction would not work for us. Hiring landscaper 10 months out of the year to remove the debris is not in the budget at this time. If I was to bag the sticks and leaves, we would need at least 100-150 bags during fall season.
243	4/27/21 3:16 PM	Maintenance of a large lot (1/2 acre) without access to burning would be tough. Most burn piles we utilize are relatively small & burn fast. If burning is restricted to certain days of the week that would be ok, but a total ban on burning would make it almost impossible to keep our large lot clean & looking nice. We have old landscaping & trees & with increased storm & tree damage we always have branches come down. And we maintain our trees with a tree service every few years.
244	4/27/21 3:26 PM	I do not like the idea of restrictions on open burning, as there will always be loop holes, for instance, will the forest preserve stop burning? The annual burns at Rollins Savannah is much worse that the 12 burns a year, I perform of dead tree branches. I burn more during the winter when fewer people are outside and windows closed, and try to not burn leaves, grass and other object that produce more smoke. With a full ban on burning, you will find more people who will haul branches and dump them on the side of the road, or in the forest preserves, which will cost the county more to dispose. Also will a fire ban be instituted on all residents, so even tiki torches, small backyard pits will be banned? Those forms use more harmful fuel such as kerosene, than dead tree branches. Finally, as an owner of a two acre property, there is no way a yard hauling service would be sufficient for me. Please contact me for more info: [REDACTED]
245	4/27/21 3:47 PM	Terrible method of asking questions it appears you have an answer and design the questions to your desired outcome.
246	4/27/21 4:28 PM	This is an equity issue, in that expecting people to pay for having branches picked up instead of periodic burning hurts those most who cannot afford to pay these extra fees and aren't rich enough to have a landscaping service or live in a gated community. There must be no restriction on yard waste burning except for the fire to be a reasonable distance from a building.
247	4/27/21 4:43 PM	I would like to still have open burn in unincorporated Lake County, but I support limited days.

248	4/27/21 6:56 PM	I typically burn larger landscape waste in Spring & fall (even tho I utilize and pay extra for yard waste pic up) but enjoy a bonfire several times Spring thru fall.
249	4/27/21 7:40 PM	The scope of leaves on my property is extremely large. There is no way I can afford stickers or a service to dispose of my leaves. I only burn on designated days. I do not burn garbage or construction waste. I do not burn wet leaves in an effort to minimize smoke. I do not burn on windy days in an effort to minimize the danger of fire in the neighborhood. The Township picks up branches at the curb, usually once a week, which is a great help.
252	4/27/21 9:30 PM	In the fall there are times that we have more leaves then are allowed for weekly yard waste pickup. We put what we can in yard waste, mulch some and the rest are burned. We would like to continue with this process. I like how some townships have the trucks that come around and collect the leaves but understand that could be cost prohibitive.
253	4/27/21 10:10 PM	<p>Lake County should offer free composting where people who would otherwise burn yard waste can bring it for composting, and leave with free compost.</p> <p>My neighbors have been filling my home with smoke for 20 years. They finally seem to have moved the location of their burning so it isn't quite as bad, but much depends on the wind direction. A "days of the week" plan is unenforceable as a practical matter - people in my neighborhood seem to burn whenever they want to, and my neighbors are fond of burning green waste, which is very smoky.</p> <p>The only way I think the county could get people to stop burning yard waste is to offer convenient pick up and disposal, with free compost or mulch as an incentive. I'm tired of having every gorgeous summer day ruined by smoke drifting over my property - often accompanied by ash, often from fires made without regard to wind conditions or warnings about fire risk due to dry conditions. Please do something that would encourage composting over burning.</p>
257	4/28/21 1:03 AM	Homeowners should be allowed/encouraged to keep their property in good condition. Limiting open burning in rural areas will likely mean piles of brush that will lend itself to vermin.
258	4/28/21 9:54 AM	Removal of yard waste would add additional 300.00 per year to my garbage fee and that doesn't include burning of limbs or brush. Banning isn't the answer...
260	4/28/21 12:28 PM	If you want to invest in a leaf suck truck and offer that service as part of our already paid tax you could cut down on burning. Otherwise if you are looking for a way to remove recreational burning it won't work. Lastly, if you have folks who burn trash, deal with them with laws, ordinance, and regulations already in place. Thanks
261	4/28/21 12:42 PM	If I can only burn leaves on "Tuesday" and it rains, I either have to wait a week or they smolder all day, creating the conditions we're trying to prevent. Sometimes it's too windy. I realize that not all of us think about these things but we should! My garbage collection fees have already

		increased too much. I use very little, reuse, and recycle as much as Groot will take. Often I have only a small bag, but I pay the same as people with overflowing cans! With several large trees to clean up, and on a fixed income, I can't afford MORE fees, bags, stickers. Don't burn when wet, tend the fire, and BE CONSIDERATE!
262	4/28/21 12:56 PM	My area in Pistaqua Heights subdivision in McHenry does not have a unified waste or recycle hauler. Since burning yard waste is still allowed on certain days most homeowners do that. I would prefer a yard waste bin weekly pickup during April to November and a service to suck up leaves on a weekly basis during Fall. We have up to 6 100+ year trees on each property. It would also benefit everyone to have a discounted unified waste hauler to keep costs down. That would also benefit by lessening the wear and tear on our roads. Grant Township or our neighborhood association won't enforce a single waste hauler so there are at least 5 different waste haulers making 3 trips each week throughout the subdivision.
263	4/28/21 1:39 PM	I live near Fox Lake and don't see this as a problem in our area. Some people burn, others dump their leaves somewhere. It hasn't become a nuisance to me. A bigger issue is people parking their cars on our narrow roads and blocking traffic.
264	4/28/21 1:54 PM	If people would be more careful, there would be no more out of control fires. People tend to disregard wind velocity. Neighbors can't even open windows for fresh air. Residents with respiratory issues are greatly affected by open burning. Please stop all open burning!!!
265	4/28/21 2:27 PM	Part of the reason of living in an unincorporated area is the freedom of burning. Having back yard fire pits. Summer fires for hotdogs and smores. Additionally I do not want the addition expense when I can burn my landscape waste. The forest preserve is less than a mile away and they burn every year. So we should be able to also.
266	4/28/21 2:46 PM	I CAN NOT breathe when I come in contact with the smoke of burning leaves.literally CAN NOT breathe! Please ban ALL burning of landscape waste. Thank you
267	4/28/21 2:49 PM	I am not opposed to open burn even though I do have some concerns for the environment. I would like to see an option to haul lawn waste away for purpose of composting though as opposed to dumping. I would also like to see any new waste services be available as options and not replace existing services.
272	4/28/21 6:02 PM	Do not take away or change any of our current burning privileges.
274	4/28/21 8:00 PM	It's amazing that open burning comes up quite often. How about banning scented laundry supply items that pollute the air with who knows what. It stinks so bad that I can't even be outside. And we people want to poison the air and their skin, I'll never understand.
277	4/28/21 8:17 PM	I would like the County Government to be involved as little as possible.

279	4/28/21 9:12 PM	<p>Fall leaf disposal is the biggest challenge, we don't have a leaf collection service and live in an older neighborhood with lots of huge trees. We currently mow/mulch as much of the leaves as we can back into the lawn. When the leaves are deeper than a mower can manage I do burn them if they are dry and I know it will be a quick, controlled fire. If leaves are wet I run them into a chipper/shredder and onto a compost pile. I'm not a fan of a smoky smoldering leaf pile that turns the neighborhood into a haze, but they are common in my area.</p> <p>I assume the burning restrictions would not affect outdoor fire-pits or fireplaces? We enjoy an occasional fire on the patio around the fire pit, always with dried wood and minimal smoke.</p>
280	4/28/21 9:16 PM	<p>I am so sick of these county board members coming up with stupid rules!!! I own my property not you!!! Stop making it impossible for people to live a good life here in the county!! You tax tax tax and ban ban ban!! I am over it!! Stop making useless suggestions and focus on things that help people want to stay here!!! Why don't you work on lowering property taxes!</p>
281	4/28/21 9:20 PM	<p>I feel open burning should remain permissible in unincorporated Lake County. Currently, I can only contract with Waste Management through an individual account which provides substandard service when compared to a consolidated account through a municipality. I have limited to no pickup of bulk or additional items during collection. A consolidated waste and recycling service option would be welcome.</p>
282	4/28/21 9:42 PM	<p>I respect that open burning can be a very controversial issue for multiple reasons. I even dislike it when my neighbors burn on windy days but most are conscious of the smoke issue. We have 3 acres, a ton of trees, mulch as much as possible but still need to burn some waste. I think the limit on acreage should be lowered to 2 acres or if someone is in a "planned" subdivision burning is more restricted. We are in an area where it is farmhouse and people have 2-15 acres.</p>
283	4/28/21 9:55 PM	<p>We currently mulch and only open burn a large pile of pine needles once a year.</p>
286	4/28/21 10:56 PM	<p>We don't need any more [REDACTED] cockamamie save the planet ideas! Leave us alone. Everything government tries to "fix" ends up being more broken and expensive than before.</p>
289	4/29/21 12:47 AM	<p>Environmental/health issues have long been a concern for us so we have used mulching of grass, leaves and garden clippings for more than 40 years. For larger yard waste we typically burn on a limited basis, doing so only when there is sufficient quantity making it necessary. Although never enforced, we also thought that burning was prohibited in ALL of Lake County once the population exceeded 250,000. Without additional technical information it would seem that allowing burning on a restricted basis (days, times, size &amp; content) would be the best option. If a waste hauler is chosen instead, then the following should be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The waste hauler disposes of the waste in an environmentally friendly manner (e.g. composting) &amp; does not add to the dumps</li> <li>2) The carbon footprint in fuel use by trucks/the energy required to process</li> </ol>

		is less of an impact than burning on a restricted basis 3) Economic impact to infrastructure can be offset by a means other than fees or taxes to the community
292	4/29/21 2:54 AM	Open burning is a part of our community! If you think I'm going to first of all pay the taxes I do on this land, then drive to pay for a truck load of paper bags, pay for the stickers for the bags, then put acres worth of leaves in those bags, to haul them all to the road side to be picked up days later.....No thank you!!! I already see what the chipping program looks like.....whos got time to bundle up branches, Not !!! Close your windows and let the hardworking family's of this county keep working hard, if you do not like it move back to the city!!!! I WILL CONTINUE TO BURN REGARDLESS OF YOUR OVERREACH! P.S. even if you proposed a Vacuum truck it's still a un need cost to us tax payers. Giant mounds of frozen leaves will look GREAT on our streets when the towns were to busy to get them before it rains or snows! Best Regards, Life long resident of Northern Lake County
294	4/29/21 5:23 AM	As a business owner in unincorporated Lake County with large acreage and lots of landscape waste but also with asthma I believe having burning on certain weekdays and 2 Saturdays a month. When burning is going on, those of us with respiratory problems can stay inside the same as those who need to burn can accomplish that within the 2 days a week. I see no reason why the burning should be late in the day when families would be having activities hence I am for daytime burning. Those who work can burn on the designated Saturdays. I am against people like my neighbors who burn horse manure, chemicals, and rubber in the dead of night stopping the breath of even healthy people.
302	4/29/21 1:49 PM	Unless there is more than negligible scientific proof that this is a problem this should be left the way it is. I'm a vegetarian tree hugging hippie who is all for regulations for the greater good but in this case I don't see the point. Sure sometimes people burn the wrong stuff but it's rare. I like having bonfires and more often than not the ashes get mixed in with compost and the soil which is useful. Please don't change this.
303	4/29/21 1:53 PM	In the older, wooded neighborhood of Wildwood, I believe that we have a need for some landscape burning. I fully utilize the Warren Twnshp branch mulching service & they have just recently allotted a few weeks of free lawn waste pickup in the spring. I mostly compost my grass & leaf clippings on my 1/4 acre lot & have just purchased a closed composter from Swalco for food scraps. But, I do wish to retain the right to burn logs in my contained fire pit on the handful of days throughout the year that I want to have a fire burning. Thank you for considering our input.
305	4/29/21 2:49 PM	Landscape waste hauling means more cost for me on a fixed income. It also would increase heavy truck traffic wear and tear on our marginal roads thus more taxes.
306	4/29/21 2:50 PM	This is coming from someone that is health and environmentally conscious; by removing the ability to do open burning (unrestricted) this will increase costs for residents. Any terms and conditions that the township places and their associated costs can always increase and most likely will increase over

		<p>time. This added cost is not something we need in this volatile economic climate. Even if yard waste pickup was "free" those costs would somehow trickle back down to the residents, i.e. property tax increases. We MUST keep opening burning; it is one of the benefits of being in an unincorporated area and a trade off for the services we do NOT have!</p> <p>Net Net; removing open burning is a way to shake down residents for more money, and using environmental and health reasons is a guise because residents rarely have opening burning to even be considered detrimental to ones health and the environment.</p>
307	4/29/21 4:32 PM	<p>Since residents of Unincorporated Lake County have always been allowed to burn yard waste material, I feel that a total ban of this activity would not be fair and reasonable.</p> <p>Can you provide a study that states burning of yard waste has a negatively affects Lake County residents. I don't understand how burning leaves in the Fall is harmful to residents.</p> <p>If a ban is considered, I would enact it over a 5 year period. Banning burning on Tuesday and Thursday, then Monday Wednesday and Friday, then Saturday and then Sunday. Change is difficult for people. No one needs more bills from local government or bills caused by local government regulations, but we do all need to do our part to protect the environment.</p> <p>Please do not ban burning for residents with 5acres +. I have a very wooded property which is very beneficial to the environment. We composite most of our leaves, but we do burns a lot of dead branches and trees.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of my ideas.</p>
308	4/29/21 5:14 PM	<p>one of the big reasons I purchased a home in unincorporated lake county was because we were allowed to open burn. I have asthma, yet love the smell of burning leaves in the fall. I also enjoy sitting around a fire in my backyard with friends and neighbors. If burning is banned, I will be moving over the border.</p>
311	4/29/21 6:47 PM	<p>If it's not broke don't fix it!</p>
314	4/29/21 7:44 PM	<p>At some point the "government" needs to not control every aspect of our life's. We choose to deliberately not life in a "town" setting to allow us to have a little more control over the home we pay a LOT of taxes for and now every time we turn around more and more township "rules" are being shoved down our throats. We have currently played HUGE amounts of taxes to schools that have not been in use and I am sure property taxes will go up even more .</p>
315	4/29/21 8:35 PM	<p>I would most prefer a landscape waste disposal solution similar to what we had at a previous house, where leaves were raked to the roadside and a big vacuum truck came to remove them. This is much easier than bagging leaves and therefore had more participation.</p>



317	4/29/21 8:46 PM	Vacation homes and business owners don't need trash pick up at home. Some do need the lawn service, but we find we have much more than haulers allow to be collected. We compost and do what we can, but you can't compost tree branches. If we burn leaves, it's once a year. The state park and the forest preserves do control burns that goes on for days. God uses lightning to start prairie fires to clean up, so how harmful can burning leaves be? No restrictions, please.
318	4/29/21 8:55 PM	I would not object to limitations on leaf burning, but want to keep the option to burn tree branches and trimmings from bushes.
320	4/29/21 10:24 PM	No restrictions on burning are enforced. The neighborhood burns anything anytime. Right now there are wooden cabinets in 1 neighbors fire pit and shipping pallets in another. There is a fire pit directly against a wooden fence under a bedroom window. I have seen mattresses being burned within the last year. Many days/nights we cannot breath comfortably within our own house due to the smoke, even with windows closed. There is no need to burn when waste mgmt and the township will pick up...we are in druce lake, unincorporated lake villa.
321	4/30/21 1:11 AM	Most of my neighborhood is on 1/3 or 1/2 acre lots and we have a lot of trees. With our size lots, many of us have a lot of leaves we have to get rid of and burning them is easiest (I think most of us who live in townships grew up doing this). I think these size lots allows plenty of space for burning. I have asthma and the local burning doesn't bother me. We are not fans of the temporary ordinance b/c it is not convenient to our schedules. Note - I am a big fan of the Lake Villa Twp trucks coming around weekly to pick up larger branches.
323	4/30/21 3:45 AM	There should be no ban on open burning
324	4/30/21 3:45 AM	The banning of the open burning is the first step and if we include the landscape waste as mandatory in the monthly waste hauling cost, people may stop the open burning. But some people will continue to burn even with the complete ban, so the next step will be the police enforcement, which has not really happened.
325	4/30/21 4:23 AM	With schools, daycares, and elder care facilities located in unincorporated and nearby areas, vulnerable populations are affected by the local air quality. Let's work to ensure air quality is good for all.
326	4/30/21 12:21 PM	we can take care of our waste by burning some and recycle some we do not want to pay for more thing's we already do without more cost's . we will not not more,our subdivision think's so !!!!!!!
327	4/30/21 12:38 PM	I live in [REDACTED] and if the fires were only occasional, or just leaves, that would be one thing. Unfortunately, I have neighbors burning trash in their yards all summer and fall, and the acrid, toxic smoke drifts all over the neighborhood and often into my house. Anyone with asthma or respiratory issues would be completely miserable, and possibly at risk. This is a serious health issue, not just a "we should be free to burn leaves when we want" issue.

328	4/30/21 12:51 PM	Landscape burning isn't the issue. It's people burning garbage that stinks up the entire neighborhood and people have bonfire on windy days and not watching them
329	4/30/21 1:22 PM	I have 1 acre with many trees. Storms and wind knock down lots of sticks and wood. I burn those. Since last summer Waste Management picks up the weeds and yard waste other than sticks, some of which would never fit into the can.
330	4/30/21 1:36 PM	At this time I have noticed that my neighbors are not aware of any restrictions on burning. The restrictions need to be better communicated to the public. I have seen people burning cabinets and construction materials. Burning is necessary for unincorporated areas as we may have a larger amount of landscape waste from larger lots. I personally have found that trying to fit all of the waste into bags or containers with the sticker program is difficult because of the amount of waste that I have in the spring. My last resort is to burn any waste as I do home composting. I don't think burning itself is a problem. I think that burning construction waste is a problem and needs to be communicated to the public.
333	4/30/21 2:21 PM	I opposed a ban on open burning. The cost of a landscape service to dispose of yard waste such as leaves is only one consideration. I live in an area with a significant number of trees, so dealing with fall leaves takes several days. Our time and effort would increase substantially if we had to bag and drag those bags out to the street rather than burning in a more convenient location. This survey doesn't even include that consideration, which is more significant than the potential added cost of disposal.
334	4/30/21 4:14 PM	I live on 5 partially wooded acres and often have branches and buckthorn that I pile in my back acre, and burn once it is dry, every few months. I always have a hose at hand and tend the fire to burn it quickly and not smoke for hours. I mulch leaves and never burn them. I would be very upset if responsible burning was banned, as we live down a private common driveway that does not get brush or branch pickup from the Cuba Township. We do have regular garbage and dumpster pickup, but not for landscape waste.
335	4/30/21 5:44 PM	Just more restrictions on the people. I am a senior, like many in the small unincorp. neighborhoods, who can't rake leaves or afford to pay for stickers and bags for leaves. I feel that the people in unincorporated areas are conscientious and responsible enough to take care of their own yard waste.. Please.....Just leave well enough alone! and don't add to our financial burdens. Drive around here in the fall and find out for yourself how well the unincorporated neighbors take care of their properties. I SAY NO TO NEW BURNING REGS!!
336	4/30/21 6:55 PM	I live on a 5 acre property common in the Barrington area. It would cost me a fortune to have to pay to dispose of yard debris. Currently, I use a combination of methods to dispose of yard waste which include composting, burning and dumping in wooded areas on my property to decompose. I do not bag grass clippings and mostly have storm damage debris and routine trimming and maintenance debris to dispose of.

337	4/30/21 7:27 PM	<p>We believe burning of landscape waste sends toxic fumes into an already contaminated environment, our air. Another threat is endangering the surrounding environment- trees, houses, lawns. As the air and land become drier with the increase in climate change/radical swings, there is more danger that a "wildfire" may be set unknowingly.</p> <p>People must be aware of the climate, wind, etc. Too many times we act without thinking about the conditions around us. We currently pay additionally for a landscape waste hauler, have a lawn service that removes the excess grass, and I am beginning to compost this year! Thank you for asking for our input. Let's keep it safe for all of us...</p>
339	4/30/21 7:45 PM	<p>When we burn yard waste we keep it away from neighbors and only burn on days with optimal wind conditions. We burn maybe 6 times a year. The neighbor kids all come out and make s'mores. It's a lot of fun.</p>
342	4/30/21 11:09 PM	<p>We moved to Lake County because it WAS DIFFERENT from other counties. More natural, abundant wildlife, open spaces. Please don't turn us into another Chicago suburb!</p> <p>Also, if you restrict days to burn, it may be windy on a day you can burn and still on a day you can't. If you say you can only burn in the mornings, that hurts the people who'd like to roast marshmallows around the campfire.</p> <p>PLEASE DON'T TURN LAKE COUNTY INTO AN OVERLY REGULATED AREA, JUST BECAUSE OTHER IL COUNTIES ARE! If people are considerate and respect their neighbors, there isn't a problem!</p>
344	5/1/21 1:27 AM	<p>The current arrangements work perfectly for us we use our waste hauler's landscape waste service when we have a lot to remove, and burn smaller amounts. The waste hauler's service is less than \$100/year, so the cost is minimal. Perfect situation.</p>
346	5/1/21 3:17 AM	<p>Landscape waste disposal is very expensive in Lake County. Our garbage hauler, Groot charges \$375 for this service, and Lakes disposal is \$200 per season. This is cost prohibitive for many families in unincorporated lake county. Only if this cost could be significantly decreased *less than \$100 per season, would it make sense to ban burning completely. While I understand the environmental and health related issues of burning, it is the only affordable option for many families.</p>
347	5/1/21 6:44 PM	<p>a yard does not have to be 5 acres to have branches,sticks and limbs, dried waste to burn. there are so many dead trees and leaves not from my property to pay.</p>
349	5/1/21 9:58 PM	<p>I need to be able to burn branches that need to be trimmed to maintain our property.</p>
350	5/2/21 3:58 AM	<p>I mulch leaves. I use small dry clippings and logs for my fire place. I only burn thorny unnecessary and deceased branches. I take care of over 100 grown trees and more than 100 large bushes....</p>
351	5/2/21 4:55 PM	<p>I have half an acre of oak leaves to dispose of every fall and a huge volume of cut brush, hawthorn trees, etc from my remaining four acres. Not being able to burn would be a definite strain on my finances. I cannot imagine what my bill would be for landscape waste removal. I definitely have to vote for unrestricted burning.</p>

353	5/3/21 12:47 AM	I think this is another threat to our freedoms. The argument that this will improve the air quality is a sham. We don't need more laws, we need people to respect and follow the laws we have. Please leave my right to burn yard waste alone.
354	5/3/21 12:49 PM	We have 4 wooded acres with pond, there is no way we could bag and put to curb all the debris and leaves from our 100-200 yr old oaks!! Everything we do on our property is organic to protect the pond and the habitat PLEASE do not make it more difficult.
355	5/3/21 2:07 PM	I use open burning primarily for wood waste (branches, etc). I mulch my grass, and I try to always bag leaves, but this can get very costly in the fall particularly. If you can get a cheap/free method for leaf removal I may be interested, but I will continue to burn my wood waste in family campfires or after wind storms regardless.
356	5/3/21 2:12 PM	The people who live in unincorporated Lake County have tree branches that don't fit in the green bin compost bin, and take care of their wooded properties currently with no cost to the county. If there are restrictions, some will pay to have Lakes Disposal come and take away the branches at an extra cost, but many if not most will dump their branches on roadsides or in the forest preserves which will cost the County/taxpayers for cleanup. Or the County must pay for free scheduled pickup of branches/felled trees at roadside for residents who can't burn--this will have to be at least monthly. Why not leave things unrestricted? Save the County/taxpayers money and let residents of unincorporated Lake County be self-sufficient. Most open burning is done by the Forest Preserves--why not restrict that? If the concern with open burning was really about COVID, the Forest Preserves would have stopped open burning of large areas of land in Rollins Savanna abutting residential areas.
358	5/3/21 3:54 PM	Do not increase my costs! My township provides a twice yearly pick up of branches. I compost. I compost ashes from my 3x3x3 fire container. I leave grass clippings on my lawn.  Keep the current size limits on containers in which one can burn 3X3X3.  I am opposed to governmental overreach which would force me to pay for landscape waste services when I employ more ecologically friendly methods! The citizens are more than capable of determining whether or not they need to obtain and pay for landscaping waste.
359	5/3/21 4:13 PM	In the choices - What methods do you currently utilize to dispose of landscape waste from your residential property? (Choose one)*  It seems odd you can only make one choice and if you use more than one method - you have to choose "combination of options above" I don't think the data you receive is going to be accurate. Currently we compost/mulch MOST of our yard waste and burn a little bit of it and it seems at least in our neighborhood that this is the most popular choice. We also have neighbors who use the pickup service but only occasionally. I'm not confident that the

		feedback you receive is going to help make the right decisions although you probably don't care what the people actually want.
363	5/4/21 2:09 AM	16 years ago, I moved to unincorporated Antioch to enjoy a more rural lake community with fewer restrictions than the village. Our property is just under an acre and is home to approximately 40 trees. At times, we have quite a few branches, twigs and leaves to remove. We often use the branches and twigs as kindling in our outdoor firepit. In the fall, we do burn some of our leaves and need to do so. The adoption of new restrictions is an imposition at best, resulting in extra costs and inconvenience. The sad reality is that most of my neighbors will not follow those restrictions and will continue burning. The other option for many of them will allow their yards to become overgrown and unkempt, lowering my property value.
364	5/4/21 10:48 AM	I support common sense guidelines for open burning such as do not burn during high winds or drought conditions. We moved to unincorporated Lake county to get away from certain restrictions that exist in the incorporated areas. We should not be required to purchase and or use a landscape waste haul subscription or fees !
365	5/4/21 11:04 AM	We have two acres and are prone to the invasive species of buckthorn, among others. There is no other way to properly dispose of the removal of buckthorn other than burning and the cost to maintain and remove yard waste would be extremely high if open burning was not allowed.
366	5/4/21 1:11 PM	Trimming dead tree limbs for safety and cleanup of summer storm tree damage exceeds the capacity of the issued green waste bin from Lakes Disposal for those of us in Avon Township and also can't be managed with a home compost pile without a woodchipper. We already mulch our leaves. It's practical and necessary to burn tree branches once in awhile. Please consider the effects on the environment and pollution by the dispatch of diesel-powered trucks required to pick up tree debris (whether at county or homeowner expense) and the truck damage to county roads, compared to homeowners burning a pile of their branches once in awhile. Diesel fumes are more detrimental to lung health and the environment compared to woodsmoke.
367	5/4/21 2:55 PM	One of the reasons I moved to unincorporated Lake County was to avoid the excessive restrictions placed on residents in other incorporated communities. As a resident of unincorporated Lake County, I do not want to be like all the other communities. I think that is a main reason why unincorporated Lake County is unique and desirable the way it is.
368	5/4/21 5:22 PM	The reason we purchased property thirty one years ago in unincorporated Lake county was due to open burn policy for campfires and burning leaves in fall. One more expense/restriction added to the already overburdened tax payers and I am seriously considering leaving Lake Co/State of IL
369	5/4/21 6:50 PM	Burning of plant based materials is nature's way of cleansing the environment. I suggest a truth in burning study to understand the root cause of why people object to open burning. Then address each objection, instead of a blanket no burning law. Examples: Environment: Educate people what to burn and what not to burn. Burning leaves is OK, garbage is not OK.

		<p>- Dangerous: impose limits about how far the open burning can be from a structure, or when wind conditions are not suitable.</p> <p>- Sensitivity: Why punish the masses for the few? it is much less of an issue in areas with more acreage. Maybe have "burn hours" to allow sensitive folks to know they either stay inside or wear a mask... we are all used to that by now.</p> <p>- I am not sensitive to leave burning, however, there is a veterinary hospital nearby that I can tell when they do cremations... that is an awful smell, worse than any yard waste. Shouldn't they be restricted to burn in the wee hours... like between midnight and 5 am?</p>
370	5/5/21 11:47 AM	Open burning is antiquated and detrimental to the health of humans. Multiple scientific studies have determined the detrimental effects of open burning. An advanced society should not allow burning under any circumstances.
371	5/5/21 1:51 PM	Landscape waste burning and campfires/Firepits should be allowed with reasonable restrictions or not at all.
372	5/5/21 4:14 PM	The environment needs to co2 to assist green life
375	5/5/21 5:35 PM	As an unincorporated lake county resident, many ways haulers are reluctant to "encroach" on what has been deemed Waste Management territory. Waste Management has taken advantage of that precise Ed monopoly to charge my area exorbitant prices (often more than \$100 a month for ways and recycling). It took a community effort at the end of 2019 to find another service provider (Lakes Disposal) to provide service to our area at a reasonable rate. I would be happy to share more information on this but I am entirely opposed to Waste Management as the service provider given how they have taken advance of our community previously. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
376	5/5/21 5:43 PM	I think this policy should not be changed.
377	5/5/21 5:52 PM	1) The government should not be restricting any type of this activity, 2) The government should not be responsible for 'protecting' anyone outside of military, we are solely responsible for ourselves, 3) If people can't handle others burning clean waste, they should move to the city with restrictions, 4) The reason people move out of crowded towns and cities is to be out in the open and avoid unnecessary regulations which are intrusive, 5) Going to bid for any recycling waste only increases costs for residents for what not everyone uses, 6) If restricting yard waste, then what is to stop regulating fireplaces (duh, not everyone burns clean in these items), 7) JUST STOP TRYING TO REGULATE RESIDENTS, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OURSELVES AND IF SOMEONE IS BURNING TIRES OR SHIT, THEN DEAL WITH THOSE ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY AND NOT REGULATE ALL CITIZENS. WE ARE UNINCORPORATED FOR A REASON!

378	5/5/21 6:22 PM	We don't feel there should be any restrictions on burning outside, the majority of residents in unincorporated are responsible and don't need to be regulated. No restrictions <period>. Using COVID as another excuse to imply governmental regulations is un-American and is not what America is about. Now you are trying to conform us to what we moved away from, make us use a waste disposal company that's not our choice, next will be eliminating wells or septic, mandate this or mandate that, what's next? Raising taxes continuously so as people have to move yet again.
380	5/5/21 6:47 PM	I have lived in unincorporated Lake County for over 25 years and never had a problem with my neighbors, we all do some burning . I use a waste hauler for all my garbage, I compost all my leaves, I only burn dead tree branches and vines that are choking my trees. I prefer to choose my own garbage collection service. Also we all live on 2 or more acre parcels, so previously you should have allowed for small acreage choices in one of your selections. Plus if Lake County Forest Preserve is allowed controlled burns, we should be allowed to do some burning.
382	5/5/21 7:17 PM	Please leave everything as is. We moved here to enjoy our freedoms. We are responsible. I'd prefer we focus our energy on other pollutants such as ETO which is known to cause cancer. If my neighbor burns leaves a few times per year, it is not a big deal to me. They do it when it's not windy and they are respectful.
383	5/5/21 7:36 PM	I prefer not to give MORE money to waste haulers. We have a lot of property and it would be crazy to have to bag everything and put it on the curb for a waste hauler. We are very responsible with open burning and really only burn sticks, rarely leaves.
384	5/5/21 8:49 PM	If open burning is eliminated the county should offer a reasonably priced alternate, either curb pickup or bagged drop off locations.
385	5/5/21 10:10 PM	I have relatives in Johnsbury and Libertyville/Green Oaks. They have their waste hauler and recycling dictated to them with out choice. Their services have been restrictive and little savings as compared to choosing their own. I have had Lakes Disposal for over 3 years after switching from Waste Mgmt. Lakes offers additional added value services at no extra cost. Plus I am able to pay annually to save even more money. Dictating a waste hauler for everyone typically only provides savings the first year. I switched from Waste Mgmt 3 years ago because my monthly costs went up every other quarter. The "big" guys are a rip off to the consumer. I am set against any consolidation of services that would remove my right to choose who I want.
386	5/5/21 10:37 PM	while I appreciate the efforts by the county, I would like to see more empowerment and education services to get home owners to use alternative measures for landscape waste versus looking strictly at burning restrictions. I personally have my own clipping compost, food compost and will begin composting mulched leaves (although there are way too many in these wooded parts not to burn some of them at this point). The only service I lack that I would appreciate is having a chipper service to provide mulch

		from the sticks and trees that fall occasionally or need to be trimmed which are now being burned. While I'm not opposed to having a service come pick up the leaves I am burning, what I didn't like in down town antioch was having to place all the leaves by the road for pick up only to have them swirl back all over the yard because of the wind and a lackadaisical schedule by the pick up crew. There are also way too many for one bin to handle a week.
388	5/6/21 12:24 AM	having the additional landscape waste service at a lower cost for yard waste that cannot be burned would be a nice add on to current waste service, but still want no restrictions on open burning
389	5/6/21 1:43 AM	If tree limbs are considered landscape waste, I would prefer no restrictions. We have many dead Ash trees, and as they fall, what isn't used as kindling and firewood in our fireplace is burned in an outdoor fire pit. We mulch our grass clippings, so I have no preference regarding that. For leaves, we burn some, typically mixed in with tree limbs, and the rest are raked into the woods on our property.
390	5/6/21 2:22 AM	Please please please don't take away our rights for open burning. It's one of the reasons we bought a house in unincorporated Antioch rather than in the village.
392	5/6/21 8:08 AM	Residents should be allowed to burn yard waste and branches. Yard waste subscription and stickers are too expensive.
393	5/6/21 11:47 AM	We live in areas with massive amounts of trees, trying to bag these leaves for pickup is not a great idea. Moving them to curb for pickup is reasonable, but it is a lot of leaves.
395	5/6/21 1:24 PM	Burning grass should be banned totally, It never burns only smolders. I like the idea of a single company for disposal,,too many garbage trucks running all over the place. Still might need an occasional way to get rid of some yard waste via burning or maybe a "bag" system through the trash pickup
397	5/6/21 2:34 PM	We have a small house on the Chain of Lakes and do not have any garbage service. We take our trash to our main home. I mulch grass clippings and occasionally burn braches from trees.
398	5/6/21 3:28 PM	I only burn when I have a problem with disease and major pests as a control.
399	5/6/21 4:00 PM	This is ridiculous... there is not that much burning that goes on in my neighborhood or surrounding neighborhoods. This seems purely as a means of increasing the cost to homeowners for waste disposal. In my mind, it is better to burn this stuff than add it to a landfill.
400	5/6/21 4:10 PM	I prefer not to see any restrictions. Landscape waste disposal service will mean yet another bill, something I don't want and I can't imagine many people who do want yet another bill. Most homeowners in unincorporated Antioch/Lake County have large parcels of property which translates to more trees/shrubs/landscape waste. I currently burn leaves/tree branches maybe 2 times per month during spring/summer/fall. I feel if you do a total banned (some) properties will go unmaintained/become trashy because the owner has no way to dispose of landscape waste without creating a bill for themselves. I do agree with a ban on the burning of general trash, food waste.



401	5/6/21 4:14 PM	a place to take landscape waste not on a regular basis for big stuff
402	5/6/21 4:31 PM	As someone who has worked for a large county in environmental management, I feel that hauling waste has a much larger environmental and financial impact than open burning. Open burning is critical for the ability to self-clear and eliminate buckthorn and improve our native landscapes and preserve habitats. Open burning should be limited to non-toxic organic matter.
403	5/6/21 5:09 PM	What happens to the county controlled burns and the massive piles of leaves burned on the lakefront (Lake Michigan) by whoever is doing it? Let the cities / towns do their thing but I chose to live in the county to not be burdened by complaining neighbors who complain about everything they do not like. Keep burning alive which I will do either way.
405	5/6/21 5:29 PM	I think open burning of landscape waste should be allowed below 50* when most peoples windows are closed. Campfires should be allowed year round. I believe the issue is the burning of garbage year round by unthinking people.
406	5/6/21 6:29 PM	I see many neighbors burning leaves throughout the year and don't understand, for environmental reasons, why it is allowed, particularly if it is banned pretty much everywhere else. It's the same air, so restrictions shouldn't matter based on the fortuity of whether a property owner happens to reside in a so-called unincorporated part of Lake County or not.
407	5/6/21 6:47 PM	We mulch/compost all of our grass, food scraps, and some of our leaves. We burn a majority of the leaves and sticks in our yard. We love burning leaves in the fall. It is part of the reason that we moved to unincorporated Lake County. The limitation of having a pile of 3'x3'x3' is not terrible. There are times that we would like to have a larger pile, but it isn't difficult to do our burning in stages.  [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
408	5/6/21 8:21 PM	I live in a residential area where a neighbor burns brush, even tough the twnshp picks it up for free. The smoke & ash that fills my backyard is a nuisance. Would like to see open burning if this type stopped in residential areas. Fire pits should be allowed.
409	5/6/21 8:53 PM	I have not heard or seen any study's that have proved a heath risk from burning, as long as it is not bio waste or petroleum products. Is there an odor yes but a skulk smells worse. All my ash goes in my garden and landscape. Its no worse then my fire place! Control government waste , when that happens then you can talk about burning! [REDACTED]
410	5/6/21 9:21 PM	There is no real option available to dispose of yard waste other than burning. I use a mulching mower which gets rid of the grass clippings and most of the leaves. But I have no other means to get rid of branches and small trees.

411	5/6/21 9:54 PM	There's no reason for anyone to have to burn leaves and yard waste. It's awful to have smoke blowing through your open windows all spring, summer, and fall. Everyone in this area can afford to pay a small fee, if needed, to have this waste disposed of properly. Please please please ban burning. (I haven't even touched on the health consequences.)
412	5/6/21 11:21 PM	Consider free or affordable tree cutting and removal for trees that produce a lot of this waste. And then a replanting service for smaller less messy trees to replace it. Most people dont have the money to change out these trees that produce so much yard waste in spring and fall
413	5/7/21 12:22 AM	I am opposed to restrictions on open burning in unincorporated Lake County. My lot is 3/4 of an acre with many mature oaks and maples. Bagging the leaves would be burdensome. Much of my yard waste is disposed of by my landscaper. Yet, there is always some waste to be burned. I live in Antioch Township in a somewhat rural area. Leaf burning is very common here.
414	5/7/21 1:10 AM	We have a lot of Oak Trees and disposal of yard waste other than burning would be very costly. We are in a largely open area so I don't think burning bothers anyone. The only restriction I would suggest is burning yard waste only.
415	5/7/21 11:55 AM	We mulch our leaves and grass. We compost food scraps along with the chicken manure for our garden. The only thing we burn is dead limbs or dead trees. The burn pile is 400ft from a inhabited structure. We typically have very little waste week to week as we recycle, reuse or repurpose everything possible.
416	5/7/21 12:36 PM	common sense and neighbor consideration should be key to burning anything. i will always burn when i see fit, regardless of any type of restrictions imposed.
418	5/7/21 3:06 PM	We have about 430 acres of farmland. With that comes continually cleaning up downed trees, scrub trees, fallen branches, leaves which we spread in the fields and just a lot of clean up work every year. Restrictions would cause a great deal of stress trying to keep things cleaned up. We are aware of wind and direction and weather conditions. There are still many farms in unincorporated Lake County who are responsible about burning when needed. We should not have restrictions on days or times of burning. We can make those decisions on our own.
419	5/7/21 3:15 PM	I have over 2 acres with 50 mature oak trees. While I do limited composting, there are too many leaves to mulch and oak leaves take years to break down. It is impractical to bag the leaves, and cost would also be a major consideration. If I simply leave them on the ground, they end up in my neighbors' yards and in the drainage ditches. The trees also drop many branches whenever the wind blows. Sort of cutting the trees down, burning in my only viable option.
420	5/7/21 6:27 PM	one of the reasons we live here is that the burning is allowed. we have been restoring our wetland 5 acre parcel over the past 10 years...clearing buckthorn/invasive species, planting natives, etc. it is important that we be

		able to burn that clearing/invasive waste on site, which we have been doing with one-to two burns (i.e. 2 days) in Jan or Feb, safely, with professionals tending. on occasion I have burned a small pile of paper or wood waste, which was unrecycleable. i agree it needs to be limited, as some people burn a lot and just the constant smell is overwhelming. thank you.
421	5/7/21 9:56 PM	I have a ~1 acre lot with many shrub gardens and trees. There is always deadwood falling from the trees and dieback on the shrubs as they age. Not to mention the damage from storms and the -25 degrees we get every 12 years or so. I have built a 54" fire bowl at the back of my lawn where I burn the dead twigs and branches. I also use this firebowl for backyard enjoyment, sometimes even for cooking meals. (I'm a scouter from way back!) I bought a home with a large lot in an unincorporated area so that I did not have restrictions on landscape maintenance. I tend to burn no more than 8 times a year, but very much appreciate not being restricted as to when I do it.
422	5/7/21 10:13 PM	Have a 4 acre, wooded property and take care of all maintenance ourselves. With strong storms and dead trees and branches open burning has been a must for us.
423	5/7/21 11:04 PM	Open burning is part of the charm and culture of Lake County. I have lived here for over 20 years and never experienced a problem with air/smoke pollution.
424	5/8/21 12:28 AM	We would be open to the (affordable) sticker option for landscape services only if burning is eliminated. However, we would not want to bag leaves but instead prefer to leave at the street-side.
425	5/8/21 12:39 AM	I don't think there should be restrictions on landscape waste burning, but there should be a ban on burning garbage.
426	5/8/21 1:00 AM	I have 1.5 acre lot and only burn 3-4 times per year to clear dead trees. I do not burn leaves because they produce too much smoke. I think if burns are clean with out alot of smoke it should be allowed. Thank you.
428	5/8/21 9:12 AM	I live on channel lake. I would like to be able to open my windows on nice days with out  the smell of smoke.
430	5/8/21 8:34 PM	When we lived in Grayslake, in fall we would rake our leaves to the end of the lawn near the street and a huge truck would come and suck them up. The fees must have been included in our waste pick up as we never received an extra bill for that. The leaf burning is what seems to generate the most smoke in the air and that would be a great option. I don't mind when people burn branches and such as that does not smoke like the leaves
431	5/9/21 12:14 PM	I have a 5 acre horse farm and lots of trees, etc on the property. I have a burn pile, mainly for branches from trees etc but burn it in frequently, maybe once or twice a year. I do not burn leaves as I use use them for mulch in the garden. My neighbors with large properties also have burn piles, but again burn maybe once or twice a year so I do not see this as a problem in our area.
432	5/9/21 1:15 PM	I will send a separate email explaining my challenges living in unincorporated Lake County as an asthmatic where open burning goes mostly unregulated.

		See Chicago Tribunes article 5/5/21 "Burning natural gas is now more dangerous than coal" for more info on the health hazards of soot on the Illinois public, including soot from biomass burning.
434	5/9/21 9:50 PM	<p>I've lived in communities in Lake County since 1995 but each had laws on open burning. Unfortunately now living in unincorporated Lake County, I've had to deal with the "anything goes" burning which I consider offensive and unhealthy. Every year there is a time where the smoke from open burning forces us to close our windows on beautiful days but the smoke permeates the house regardless and we're stuck with it. I realize people have patio fire pits which burn hardwoods but that doesn't produce the same intense smoke that the yard waste does.</p> <p>Lastly, please make home owners/property owners associations accountable for their members as well. If an ordinance banning open burning passes, then associations should reinforce that ordinance for the well being and health of all the residents.</p> <p>Thank you, please pass an ordinance to ban open burning!!!</p>
438	5/10/21 1:09 PM	Open burning is a personal decision. We live on a large property and are very considerate of our surrounding neighbors. We watch wind speed and direction and use common sense when burning. Virtually smoke free burning can be accomplished. We don't burn leaves because those smoke too much. We also prefer to mow them and mulch them into the grass.
439	5/10/21 3:46 PM	My subdivision is heavily wooded - If no burn is decided i would prefer a service where perhaps resident put waste to the street and the county comes by and picks up vs bags that we would have to purchase and stuff.
440	5/10/21 4:41 PM	We live in Forest Lake and use composting heavily. But, branches and cuttings, as well as old trees have to be disposed of. Occasionally we like to burn these, but also have bins hauled away of twigs, trimmings and logs. Pickup for a nominal fee is desirable, many people in our community are on fixed incomes/retired. Proper disposal is all desired and recycling if possible. Thank you
441	5/10/21 5:26 PM	I have over 13 acres largely forested land and between invasive buckthorn and emerald ash bore damage, I have already disposed of over 60 sq yards of unusable wood this year (3 full garbage trucks for reference) and likely have 600+ more sq yards to go. Other than burning, any type of forest management is not practical. I log what I can and compost leaves, but anyone with forested acreage knows there are literally tons of dead branches and trees to deal with.
443	5/11/21 3:55 PM	<p>it seems when I hit the tab I got kicked out, so I'll try again.</p> <p>I am against all restrictions.</p> <p>Living in a township and on property that is a couple acres plus, that is heavily wooded, gives me a little more freedom to do the necessary work to keep the property up. I do some mulching leaves and burn some in the fall. When storms come through there is usually sticks and branches that fall</p>

		<p>and I burn those after clean up. I also like to have pit fires throughout the year with and without the grand kids. Nothing like sitting around a fire in the back yard in the fall. My choice of garbage pick up saved me money because of my choice to pick from 3 services. Saved money on senior discount and with that is removal of large items at no additional cost..</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>██████████</p>
445	5/12/21 12:34 AM	The ability to open burn is one of the reasons I chose to live in unincorporated Lake County. I also compost and mulch, but burning is part of the local culture and seasonal experience. We are responsible and safety minded. Do not legislate that culture away.
446	5/12/21 12:55 PM	i have a large bin supplied by Groot for landscape materials and that is what i prefer ... no stickers!
447	5/12/21 1:00 PM	I'm fine with the way things are. We receive few services in unincorporated areas from the county, and resent additional regulations.
448	5/12/21 1:08 PM	<p>When I moved here six years ago, I had no knowledge of this issue. I also had no allergies nor breathing problems. Now it's apparent to me that open burning is not healthy. I know that people like choices but I believe open burning should not be one of them.</p> <p>Thanks for your time,</p> <p>██████████</p>
449	5/12/21 1:29 PM	In Knollwood our roads are terrible. If we have a yard waste service, I prefer it to be a service that stops the breakdown of our roads. A service that everyone uses, like the current garbage service, less truck traffic. As much as I hate be dictated to, our roads are miserable. I'd be happy to be able to use the Lake Bluff or Lake Forest dump for my landscape waste if that would be an option for Knollwood.
451	5/12/21 2:10 PM	Due to multiple respiratory issues in my household when burning happens in our neighborhood it creates an environment for us that makes it hard to breathe. During these times of year we end up hospitalized for the irritation the burning causes to our lungs.
453	5/12/21 4:16 PM	The township comes to collect branches weekly. This is great and prevents me from having to burn this yard debris, why can't they come vacuum leaves, too? I know the village collects leaves. This service should be provided on all Lake Villa streets even unincorporated.
454	5/12/21 4:16 PM	I ONLY BURN IN A CONTOLED PILE 2 TIMES A YEAR AND I AM ON 10 PLUS ACRES.
455	5/12/21 4:34 PM	Recommend a total ban on the burning of leaves and grass clippings. Trees and branches should be allowed. Some type of consolidated leaf and/or grass clipping service would be valuable alternative.

456	5/12/21 5:06 PM	In our area the burning of leaves can make a beautiful fall day very unpleasant to be outside with smoldering piles throughout the neighbor. There should be no reason to burn leaves. There are those who also burn plastic with their other wood and cardboard scraps which is also a problem in our area. The burning of dry woody materials is not so much of an issue, and with my two acres there are times when I am clearing buckthorn, though I utilize the township chipping service as much as I can, I have too much for that and burning (as does the forest preserve) becomes almost the only alternative.
457	5/12/21 5:24 PM	With all the Oak trees in my neighborhood and the amount of things that float up,( dead fish, tree limbs etc.) stopping burning would be a unnecessary problem.
458	5/12/21 6:41 PM	Unincorporated lake county is no longer sparsely populated. It is just as populated as many of the surrounding municipalities. There should be a full ban on burning. We know it is harmful to breath as well as bad for the environment.
462	5/13/21 2:17 PM	As long as people are smart...burning on not windy/dry days, let them do as they want when it comes to burning their own landscape waste. We are able to take this issue up with any neighbors by asking them to be considerate if need be. No need for the country to regulate this.
463	5/13/21 3:49 PM	The only open burning I utilize is for leaves. Other than that we occasionally have a Camp fire.  For Garbage I do not prefer consolidation of Waste Services. When that happens we are locked on rates that tend to escalate because there are no other options for the Homeowner. The Garbage Companies give us Monopolized Rates. It's not fair to the Homeowners
464	5/13/21 8:25 PM	Our HOA provides garbage/recycle but not yard waste. We currently burn any dried materials. The rest we bag and take to our daughter's house in another county since she has unlimited yard waste pickup available. We really do not like burning at all but feel we have no choice.
465	5/13/21 8:50 PM	I only burn fallen tree limbs as necessary. I pay my disposal company to pick up bags of leaves and mulch my grass clippings.  Burning leaves is usually very smoky and objectional. And burning other materials, although currently not permitted, is often noticeable.
466	5/13/21 10:48 PM	we live in Feltr's; we burn 1/yr, for branches, etc, in the fall. We compost. If landscape waste disposal is offered, does it go to environmentally friendly uses?
467	5/13/21 11:47 PM	Leaf pickup became too expensive for our HOA. I'd like to see a way to get leaf pickup as well as branch and other yard waste pickup.
468	5/14/21 3:24 PM	We hire a service to burn the weeds that grow around our property in an effort to control weeds and buckthorn
469	5/14/21 4:13 PM	Keep open burning.
471	5/16/21 3:07 AM	Allow burning wood or branches in a fire pit, but not leaves, paper, or other waste that creates a large amount of smoke. I think people who enjoy fall

		burning as a tradition would be more willing to cooperate if they didn't have to give up burning completely. If burning is permitted only in a fire pit, some people will probably decide it isn't worthwhile. Maybe limit how many times an owner can burn in a season. Maybe stagger days and/or weeks burning is allowed, possibly by address (ex. odd/even). Maybe prohibit burning on days when air quality is poor (people would have to be responsible for checking reports before burning). Encourage mulching grass and leaves. It would be really cool if there were a chipper service and people could keep or buy chips for mulch.
474	5/18/21 5:29 PM	Maybe post when it is too windy to burn. years ago we a told a neighbor it was too wind to burn, she wound up starting a fire in a vacant lot next to her house.
477	5/19/21 7:18 PM	As residents of unincorporated Cuba Township, we are, and have always been, totally opposed to open burning of landscape waste. We strongly feel that it is hazardous to our health and the health of our pets. The smoke and smell of burning landscape debris does not simply contaminate the outdoor air and ruin outdoor activities, it eventually drifts inside homes and gets trapped there forcing people to continue to breathe it in. We are regularly forced to close our windows instead of enjoying cool breezes and bringing fresh air in. Or we have to pay higher energy costs by turning on the A/C to keep the smoke and smell outside not inside, even on a pleasant day that otherwise would not require the use of A/C. For people with breathing or heart conditions, or for seniors, it impacts their overall health and well-being. And if you live in a neighborhood without a homeowners association to regulate certain activities, neighbors simply do what they want. Please enact a total ban!
478	5/19/21 7:59 PM	Most of my neighbors have fire pits to burn our sticks/branches. Part of the enjoyment of country living is to be able to sit by a fire on the weekend and enjoy the fire with company. It also helps to get rid of the excess brush. I would hate to see that right be taken away.
480	5/21/21 3:07 AM	We adamantly oppose restricting open burning of landscape waste generated by the property it is burned on. We have many trees and plantings generating waste. Branches/trees 1" and larger are burned indoors to provide home heat. Leaves are mulched back into the ground and green vegetation is composted and not burned. Brush is burned outdoors as it does not compost well, is not practical for indoor burning, and is impractical for service pickup. Living in a large lot subdivision, most of our neighbors burn and need burning as a necessary means for disposal of landscape waste. The Derecho of 8/10/20 brought destruction to our property and it would have been utterly impractical to have utilized a service for waste removal. We currently do not pay for waste service and are opposed to being forced to pay for service. Having lived in our residence for nearly 24 years, we have depended on the ability to dispose of landscape waste through burning. Again, oppose we new restrictions.
482	5/21/21 2:54 PM	I favor limited restrictions but restrictions should consider be limited when high wind speed and on ozone action days.

484	5/22/21 4:28 PM	<p>We own 4 acres of mostly wooded property. I constantly clear large amounts of brush/wood. I burn this brush/wood. I mulch all grass clippings. I only rake &amp; burn some leaves (w/wood) from near the house in the fall. These could easily be mulched in the woods with the rest of the leaves.</p> <p>Pick up of brush/wood will not be practical or cost effective for me. My property is my hobby so too limited of burning times will be hard based on my work schedule. Also, too limited of days will be difficult depending on the weather &amp; work. These two factors could create larger accumulations. I do try to get my brush/wood to a dry state so it is limited in smoke. Also, I try to keep my burning a distance from my neighbors. The distances in the other county regulations (500'+) would be hard to manage with my property arrangement. More reasonable and practical distances would be understandable.</p> <p>I understand the need for some rules, but these do not need to be one size fits all solutions. Thank you.</p>
486	5/24/21 12:57 AM	I mulch most fall leaves, but sometimes some burning is necessary. Also small camp fires in our firepit is one of the reasons that it's nice to live in a semi-rural location. Pls do not add more restrictions. Thank you.
487	5/24/21 1:57 AM	I would not like to see additional restrictions, rather enforcement of laws against burning trash like plastics and construction waste.
489	5/24/21 2:17 PM	Open burning is one of the many pleasures derived from living in Lake County!
490	5/27/21 7:38 PM	<p>It is not feasible to bag our leaves for a waste hauler. We have 2 acres with many full grown trees. we compost some of the leaves, we chop up some of the leaves with the lawn tractor, but we burn a large majority. it would be cost prohibitive to try and bag our leaves. My husband made a small cage/barrel that he burns the leaves in, he does not just burn the leaves on the side of the road. majority of smoke stays in our yard.</p> <p>If a total ban on burning is initiated - just another reason to move out of Illinois!</p>
491	5/29/21 2:30 AM	<p>Because my neighbors burn landscape waste, my breathing is affected and we have to keep windows closed during the warm weather. Ash falls on our lawn and home and gets inside our house. Warren Township picks up our leaves and branches, and we have landscape pick up for our extra needs. But still many people burn any day of the week. There is no real enforcement or oversight of burning in the Wildwood neighborhood. Landscape waste when burned is unhealthy to breathe and smells terrible. Our right to enjoy our property is infringed upon because of a few people who Refuse to respect the health and well-being of all the neighbors. It's nice to have a wood fire outside in a fire pit. But the leaf and lawn waste burning needs to stop. Our family has lived here for 21 years and every year the smoke spoils so many days and nights that we would have enjoyed outside or with open windows. Please help us and ban this type of burning. Thank you!</p>
492	6/1/21 9:35 PM	there is a reason we chose to live in an unincorporated area, please don't "help" us with this, we can't afford it.



493	6/2/21 2:56 PM	<p>I'm not too certain if you realize what kind of Pandora's Box you're opening, but by banning the burning yard waste in unincorporated areas you will also have to consider ending the following practices unless your intent is to invite a discrimination lawsuit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all wood burning fireplaces across the county</li> <li>• all marshmallow and wienie roasts if they are done over small wood burning fires</li> <li>• all wood burning fire pits in yards across the county</li> <li>• all controlled burns in forest preserves and similar areas</li> <li>• Etcetera, etcetera</li> </ul> <p>The citizens of Lake County feel betrayed by the County Board's actions in raising taxes immediately AFTER the past election. There are going to be consequences for that action in the next election and I'd suggest you not aggravate the situation further by bowing to a minority in unincorporated area who want to change everyone else's life style just to accommodate theirs.</p> <p>████████████████████ ██</p>
494	6/10/21 7:41 PM	<p>Blatant disregard of the no burn or limited burn regulations has led to many who constantly burn yard waste and other materials throughout the week. It has made living in the the unincorporated area much less attractive and miserable for those with allergies. While a consolidation or coordination of waste hauling services would be ideal for environmental and health purposes, this must also assure us that cost containment will be equally important. When given the greater market share, haulers in the past (e.g. Waste Management) have unnecessarily raised prices every year until fees were in excess of \$60.00/month with premiums charged for recycling, large item haul-away, and yard waste restrictions. These increases were shown to be "unnecessary" when smaller competitors appeared and charge a little over a third of the price for literally the same service.</p>
497	6/11/21 1:45 PM	<p>University of Illinois Extension Service recommends burning prunings from select crops as they potentially carry disease. Of these crops, we grow blueberries, peaches, apples and raspberries. We burn hot quick small fires 2-3 times per year, composting all other organic matter. We gather leaves from neighbors to add to our compost pile. This collection keeps these neighbors from burning their leaves.</p> <p>The suburban culture needs to be more effectively informed about the benefits of composting leaves and kitchen garbage.</p> <p>Burning generates air pollution, but somehow is perceived as appropriate and necessary for leaves.</p> <p>Perhaps the huge amount of prescribed burning that occurs in forest preserves and open spaces reinforces that burning is ok. On top of that, you can not tell residents that they cannot burn when huge plumes of black smoke rises above prescribed burns.</p> <p>Education should be a critical component of any set of rules.</p>

498	6/11/21 7:23 PM	I'm opposed to restrictions on open burning Property is 11 acres [REDACTED] I built a house and have lived on the property since 1968  [REDACTED]
499	6/11/21 7:28 PM	As a homeowner in a POA subdivision when we tried to consolidate waste pick up many homeowners didn't want to because they wanted to use a service that was not the one we wanted to go with for various reasons like better price, a union company, their choice offered yard waste pickup, too. We use a company that offers yard waste pick up but we are one of the very few that do. Almost everyone burns their yard waste (and sadly sometimes other things) and we hate the smoke but we understand banning it would mean that there needs to be an alternative like providing area wide pickup like cities offer. Also, we have seen neighbors taking and dumping their yard waste out to a wooded area just outside of our subdivision instead of burning.
504	7/2/21 5:24 PM	Honestly it really doesn't matter what the County chooses to do as there is no code enforcement that we've seen in the 20 years we've lived in Ingleside.
508	7/8/21 1:18 PM	I have ten acres and am removing enormous amounts of buckthorn, Siberian elm, and other invasives. There is no real alternative other than burning. I couldn't possible haul away all this material or afford to pay someone else to do it.  I don't burn leaves, I mulch them, and I would support a ban on burning leaves if kept separate from burning wood.
510	7/9/21 4:47 PM	As a homeowner and Lake Co tax payer I feel burning yard waste is and should be a benefit of living in unincorporated Lake Co. Being unincorporated I have many expenses including well and septic that need to be maintained by me with no help from the county. This is a large expense and adding a fee or an additional task of bagging leaves is unacceptable. I have a wooded lot and am adjacent to three other parcels that are undeveloped and full of trees. Having to bag leaves would require me to hire a company to do this, because working full-time I would not have time to maintain my yard on my own if this extra step was added. As property and other taxes rise in IL this would be a real hardship. If we have to explore certain days and times that is an alternative for consideration but I am totally against banning this burning completely.
514	7/12/21 2:06 PM	My property would not be considered large at 5+ acres. My property is about 1 acre, but is a very heavily-wooded neighborhood. We mow our property ourselves. Not everyone has a landscaper. During the spring/fall months it would be absolutely impossible and an incredible amount of work to try and bundle the leaves to put out for collection that fall from my yard and those that blow from my neighbors'. We mulch as much as we can and then burn the rest and we still don't get it all...ever. Please do not implement a ban. We'd be fine limiting the days (such as during Covid) or

		placing a ban and only allowing, say, for a month or two in the spring and fall seasons. You couldn't give me a garbage can big enough. Please take all types of properties into consideration when making this decision. I bought this land because it was wooded. Don't make it become a burden. Thank you.
516	7/12/21 3:47 PM	Our neighborhood is full of so many old growth massive trees. I don't see how average people could afford to have all the leaves removed in the fall without burning.
518	7/12/21 6:06 PM	The health hazards of burning yard waste are well documented. Those choosing to burn negatively impact others. Often ordinances/restrictions are not followed, and burning occurs on days not allowed, after sunset, in too-large piles, and when windy. Many mitigate their own health risk by starting a fire and going inside. We cannot enjoy the outdoors. We cannot open windows, and even with windows closed, a house that is not airtight will allow smoky smell inside. The upside to banning burning is significant. There are other options for disposing of yardwaste. Pickup services are convenient. Dropoff options are also available. While there is a cost involved, there is also a cost involved in the negative impacts on our health. There are precedents. Over time we have moved from burning/dumping trash to requiring trash to be landfilled; and we have also regulated disposal/treatment of wastewater. Each of these involved costs, but were implemented to protect health/environment.
519	7/12/21 7:30 PM	There should be no restrictions on burning and the waste hauler should be a personal preference not forced on residents. This is a free country. Stop trying to control everything!!
520	7/12/21 9:44 PM	My neighbor's house is his second home and he brings landscape waste from his principal residence in Cook County to burn next door to me. He doesn't purchase any waste hauling services for his second home.  He burns all year around, and it's not a recreational fire, (unlike my other neighbor's nice gentle wood fire), he uses gasoline, and allows it to smoke very excessively. I have respiratory medical issues, for which I am taking prescription medicine. Sometimes in the leaf burning season, I actually leave the house to avoid the smoke. The smoke also slightly blackens my siding and gutters.  We have a landscape service for the leaf removal, and the township picks up brush. We burn a recreational fire. I compost fresh vegetable scraps, no cooked food or table scraps.
521	7/12/21 10:38 PM	We aggressively compost biodegradable household and yard waste; all leaves, grass clippings and green or damp vegetation from our yard are composted. Burning is reserved for dry brush and wood, the burning of which generates only modest amounts of smoke.  Because we prune and fell our own trees, and work to remove invasive

		<p>brush like buckthorn, we rely on burning. A complete ban on burning would pose a substantial hardship for us. Moreover, the "disposal" of buckthorn -- as by mulching and composting -- would likely spread and propagate seeds to new locations in Lake County, aggravating this already-difficult problem.</p> <p>We therefore support the restriction or elimination of the burning of leaves and smouldering yard waste, and further would support a limitation of burning overall to certain days of the week or ambient conditions (such as humidity, temerature, air quality or wind). However, we vigorously oppose any blanket prohibition upon the burning of dry wood and brush.</p>
522	7/13/21 5:06 AM	I do not feel the county should force additional fees and cost on its residents at this point. This is going to force a mandatory increase in rates and right now I dont think that the time is correct.
523	7/13/21 4:23 PM	We had a stone fire pit, that was built 9 / 10 years ago. We are most careful, but do enjoy burning wood and that's all. Do not burn on Sundays, and always check weather before burning
526	7/15/21 12:16 AM	Part of the reason we live in an unincorporated area is that we do not want rules that many homeowners assocs and other incorporated areas have. There is not an abuse in our neighborhood. This should come to a vote to let residents decide instead of a vocal few who may be opposed to our current freedoms. We enjoy summer campfires and would very unhappy to lose that.
528	4/26/21 5:19 PM	Quit over governing us! Enough already!!!! Move on leave it alone this is why I love in unjcorporated.
530	4/26/21 6:14 PM	I Live in unincorporated Lake Bluff and the township has done some wood chipping but it's discontinuing that service. I would like to have access to Lake Bluff's Public Works center because they take tree trimmings in brush. Please consider vouchers or someway to access Lake Bluff Public Works drop off center.
532	4/26/21 6:33 PM	I live in Lake Villa Township. The township provides free unlimited tree branch disposal. The free service is excellent! I wish they provided leaf service. I compost my leaves. We have neighbors who not only burn tree branches and leaves but also burn household garbage! A few neighbors are small self employed contractors and people who do their own remodeling so they burn construction waste. I am in favor of alternatives to burning anything. I would love to ban all burning in my neighborhood . I live in the West Miltmore and Venetian Village subdivision. The township road department does an excellent job chipping trees and branches. I wish more neighbors took advantage of the service. THANKYOU FOR THIS SURVEY AND YOUR INTEREST:-)
533	4/26/21 7:52 PM	Even with burning on limited days, my neighborhood does not follow these guidelines and continue to burn whenever they want. Some seem to not know there are designated days, but most don't care and enforcement isn't happening. Many burn and let it smoke and smolder and are not even near their fire. It is difficult to breathe and it smells like a campground 3 seasons

		of the year. I cannot enjoy my own property and opening windows or sitting outside on a nice day without my eyes burning from neighbors' smoking landscape piles. My grandfather with emphysema couldn't even leave his house most days because the smoke made it difficult to breathe. It's time to make positive change rather than continue burning because "that's they way we've always done it." Old habits are not reason enough to continue doing something that is detrimental to others and the environment.
534	4/26/21 8:22 PM	Have large wooded lot and need to burn dead branches/twigs regularly. Make hot dogs and smores with children and grandchildren.
536	4/26/21 9:34 PM	In our neighborhood (Grandwood Park) People are constantly burning and sometimes more than yard waist. We like to open our house up for fresh air and we say open the windows early before someone starts burning. With all the services available I see no reason to allow open burning. Around here nobody adheres to the days you are supposed to be able to burn so there needs to be more enforcement. There also needs to be more communication there are a lot of rentals and nobody knows or follows the rules. Some days the smoke is so bad that it is hard to breath!
538	4/27/21 1:08 AM	<p>I've had neighbors smoke their leaves for hours, not burning, no flames, filling my house with smoke even when I had newborn babies at home. Plain and simple it was unhealthy and disprespeful. I had arguments with them over this, and upgraded my house to overcome the air leakage. I've had neighbors as of last week almost burn down my garage and children's playset because they were burning weeds on their property that backs up to fourth lake fen. It wasn't the fire dept that saved it, it was my wife and I being alert and capable.</p> <p>However I do feel that people should have the right to burn for recreational use or enjoyment in a small diameter barrel, or 3-4' dia. fire pit that is located a mandatory safe distance from potential exposures, with an extinguishing source ready at hand.</p> <p>As long as people know that you are NOT coming for their recreational fire pit, then I have no problem with restrictions on any large scale LANDSCAPE WASTE burning regulatios in an R-1 district.</p>
539	4/27/21 1:11 AM	Stop the burning. Destroy our air and atmosphere and allergic lungs.
540	4/27/21 1:31 AM	Should have burn ban since so many people have breathing problems. I live in an unincorporated area and the houses are very close. I have neighbors that burn old furniture and other items that should not be burned. I also have a neighbor that dumps his grass clippings into Diamond lake.
542	4/27/21 1:46 PM	The soot from my neighbors open burning collects on my home and requires annual washing to remove the soot.
543	4/27/21 4:28 PM	We have large lawns with trees and gardens in the township. Our township does nothing for us. It would cost less for the county to take over and eliminate most of that payroll. Please don't start putting restrictions on us. As long as we are not doing anything illegal, and are burning responsibly, sometimes we need to burn. Retirees do not have money to burn.

544	4/27/21 7:16 PM	It would be nice if open burning would be allowed for a limited time each. For example, designate two weekends in the spring and two weekends in the fall for open burning. This would allow those who have allergies and asthma to stay indoors and keep their windows shut while still allowing limited time for burning. This would also make enforcement easier on fire departments
545	4/27/21 8:50 PM	I would like to see free curb or street leaf pickup as I think some communities have.
546	4/27/21 9:44 PM	<p>We are on 1 3/4 acres. We have 20 oak trees. We can get landscape waste removal from our current garbage hauler. There is no way to bag or get it to the front of property.</p> <p>We mulch our grass and most of the leaves, but we need to burn the leaves once or twice at end of the season and again in the spring. We absolutely need to be able to burn branches and bushes, etc.</p> <p>Garbage haulers only take if cut into 3 foot lengths.</p> <p>Before Covid we were going to the meetings on this subject and think McHenry has a good plan.</p> <p>We never burn unless wind and other weather conditions are good.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
547	4/28/21 6:47 PM	Worry about the assholes that burn house waste and things that go in normal garbage..if you think I'm going to haul my leaves and branches to the road and pay for it your nutts!! I will throw everything to the road and you'll have to hire extra people to clean up the mess on the edge of the road.. you better think this out a little better..
549	4/29/21 5:13 AM	We didn't realize before moving here what the burning situation was. We have neighbors that sometimes seem to burn all day, for days in a row. It affects our ability to enjoy the outdoors or keep our windows open at certain times of the year. It also gives me headaches and exacerbates my chronic illness. We would really appreciate some enforced restrictions on this. We live on 1 acre and mulch and compost all our yard waste. Would LOVE to have a food scrap waste service or dropoff location and more education on more eco friendly yard waste disposal options.
552	4/29/21 6:49 PM	In my opinion, there seems to be two seasons in this area. By that I mean indoor heating season and air conditioning season. There are very few days in the spring and fall when one can have their windows open for fresh air. Inevitably, it never fails that on those rare days at least one of my neighbors will do an all day burn, causing us to shut our windows. Equally important is the fact of climate change. The open burning is hazardous to our clean air, interferes with our health, and only contributes to more pollution in the air. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinions and concerns in this matter.

553	4/29/21 6:50 PM	I chose to live in an unincorporated area to avoid the restriction of choices in regard to many things. Yard waste and garbage hauler included. To choose only 1 would hurt all the other garbage haulers. And I don't necessarily need the cheapest. Right now I can put out large items. I am sure the "cheapest" will not offer this. And if forced to get yard waste disposal, I am sure my cost will go higher. Our township voted on this and we voted no to consolidate garbage hauler. I hope you also put this to a vote before making such a huge decision affecting so many people. Illinois is losing people at a rate higher than any time in history. It is because government keeps taxing us and putting higher fees on anything they can. This seems like another opportunity for a government official to make a few extra bucks to put in their pocket. Big NO here.
554	4/29/21 9:21 PM	Open burning soot collects on my home. Two of my neighbors do not have any concern for the same and soot drifting to other properties.
555	4/29/21 10:11 PM	I live in Forest Haven, and am greatly in favor of open burning bans. Currently it seems you can never open your windows, since someone is burning. Additionally, hvac codes require fresh air intake. There is literally no way to prevent your house from filling with smoke if your neighbor decides to burn. We have spent thousands of dollars on air purifiers to try and help the situation. We don't live out in the country, we're in a suburban area that doesn't have the space for open burning. If your yard is too small to compost, it is definitely too small to burn!  Regarding waste collection, our neighborhood currently has 3 different providers, who service our neighborhood on 3 separate days. We have garbage cans out nearly every day of the week, in addition to the excessive truck traffic. Consolidated waste collection is desirable.
556	4/30/21 12:38 AM	I have neighbors with asthma, COPD, and heart issues who are sensitive to pollutants in the air. It is always the same neighbors who burn everything from garbage to landscape waste. And it's usually on a beautiful day when everyone wants to be outside and have their windows open. With all the emphasis on clear air and environmental issues, living in a more densely populated area, why should any burning be allowed? It's time we followed suit with our neighboring counties.
558	4/30/21 12:32 PM	When I first moved here, I thought the lack of restrictions was great. But, I then realized I can't take my small children outside when neighbors are burning (which is often). My house smells like smoke. It's bad for air quality and our health. With the options of landscape service, composting, mulching, there's no need to have to burn leaves. Although, I see no harm in small family bonfires, which do not tend to smoke out a whole neighborhood the way leaf burning does.
561	5/1/21 12:33 AM	I don't know how I could get rid of it all if I can't burn.
563	5/1/21 6:09 PM	I can see restrictions being placed on how to burn; i.e. not on road surfaces, but do not see need for burning restrictions in general for unincorporated areas. It is one of the reasons many residents choose to live in the unincorporated area, the rural/less congested lifestyle. We deal with no

		sidewalks, well and septic, longer power outages and limited fire protection because we are unincorporated. Don't impose more restriction/costs just because it hasn't been done yet and because other counties have.
564	5/4/21 3:13 AM	Encourage composting and mulching and provide ways for residents to have access to composted materials if they don't want to make it themselves. Educate community on the hazards associated with open burning.
567	5/5/21 7:36 PM	I would like to know what the plan is for for the landscape 'waste'. I think it would be extremely beneficial to offer specific services rather than just disposal. Oak leaves make great mulch, and are also the bulk of what gets burned in my neighborhood. If leaves could be collected and mulched they could be sold back to the community for their gardens. Or, the leaves could be composted and we could sell the dirt. It really is great stuff! This would cut down on the amount of wood mulch people purchase, which is not good for our yards. Additionally, educating people of the benefits of leaving leaves in their yards for native insects to overwinter will be beneficial for the local ecology.
569	5/5/21 10:30 PM	I would like to see the nuisance rule the of burning yard waste 25ft from the property line removed.  There are many pieces of property that cannot do this and it's very spotty on its enforcement.  A controlled, attended fire should not be regulated!
570	5/6/21 2:45 AM	Most important to my husband and I is good air quality. You have two votes here to please ban burning all together.
571	5/6/21 4:54 AM	Air pollution is bad enough without smoke from open burning; too many people suffer from allergies and asthma as well. Sparks from open burning could endanger other properties. One exception: controlled burning at forest preserves enhance the growth of native plants and prevent the possibility of a major forest fire.
572	5/6/21 12:41 PM	I have lived in this neighborhood for 36 years and while I understand that open burning has been permitted, it has become a nuisance to the point that it affects my health and well-being in my own home. There is no regard for neighbors, as people burn more than what's allowed (i.e. treated wood/furniture, garbage, etc.) and oftentimes people leave their fires smoking sometimes for days with no one attending. It smells like a campground here almost daily. There is no enforcement of the restricted burning days. You can call and have county come out, but there aren't tickets so people continue to do whatever they want. I personally have difficulty breathing when the air is filled with smoke, and have to run multiple air purifiers and stay inside my home on particularly bad days. If burning doesn't get banned, I would at least like to see some kind of enforcement of regulated days and ensuring people are attending to their fires and not letting them smoke out the neighborhood.
573	5/6/21 4:32 PM	I mulch my leaves with a lawn mower and cover my perennials to allow them to overwinter.



		<p>I find that if there is no wind or if several fires are burning it is very irritating to my breathing. Usually I have to close my windows and use my air conditioner.</p> <p>Were I lived before they used a sewer vacuum to pick up piles left on the street and they composted the leaves in a community compost which was open to residents for their garden use.</p> <p>I use the composted wood chips at the community maintenance depots for my garden mulch also.</p>
574	5/6/21 6:13 PM	The particulates that are in the air when people burn are not only annoying but they are dangerous to the health of all living breathing beings
575	5/6/21 7:16 PM	Adding restrictions would only help if enforced, i doubt it could happen. I often see piles of mixed construction materials along with landscape waste burning. A little update material on the air quality in the county and how the burning is effecting it may change peoples thoughts maybe.
576	5/6/21 9:27 PM	Leaves and grass clippings are composted at my house. When trimming trees & bushes, we tend to dry out the wood, and save for later bonfire use.
582	5/12/21 1:12 PM	Let the markets decide. Let neighbors interact and decide in a case by case decision. Restrictions have unintended consequences. Legislation leads to more legislation to correct old legislation.
583	5/12/21 1:37 PM	This is long overdue and glad to see that it is being address. Not being able to breath fresh air on a beautiful day is very disheartening. Unfortunately with no restrictions some people burn anything they want, not just landscape waste.
584	5/12/21 1:55 PM	No one needs to open burn. We mulch the lawn clippings and the county picks up tree limbs on the curb. The pollution from burning is horrible.
587	5/12/21 3:49 PM	Burning needs to be allowed only on certain days and can be stopped if it is bothering or causing health issues to any resident. For example if the smoke is bothering people with allergies or other breathing problems they must be allowed to call the fire department to have the burning stopped. Also in our area - Knollwood - we have had residents burning during high wind events, when dry brush could have ignited and caused possible house fires. This cannot be allowed. The Fire Department was called during such instances. Residents doing such need to be made aware this can't tolerated AND they may face fines if they do so.
589	5/12/21 10:51 PM	<p>I do not want to pay for any landscape waste service either through property taxes or a mandatory landscape fee.</p> <p>I mulch my landscape waste. Occasionally I may burn branches but not leaves</p>
591	5/14/21 12:18 AM	We strongly feel educating people on the pros of mulching leaves and cons of burning is a better solution instead of creating more regulations which will cost taxpayers money.
592	5/14/21 3:05 AM	Do mechanizes fall leaf collection, compost the leaves and offer the compost to gardeners.
593	5/14/21 6:33 PM	Restrictive government needs to shut up and sit down and listen to the people they represent.. Let the people decide what they can do on their own

		<p>property.  More and more restrictions or intrusion into our daily life is not acceptable. Restrictive burning in small areas creates more smoke than an open fire due to smoldering. Smoke comes from the start process of a fire and goes away once the product is on fire.</p> <p>It is pretty sad that our representative government officials think the citizens of this county are unable to provide a solution to their lard waste.</p> <p>More money (ours) spent on something not needed that we do not want.</p>
596	5/22/21 6:16 PM	<p>Thank you for requesting input from the community! I have been composting in my backyard for two years now and have been very pleased with the results. The burning in my neighborhood is a general nuisance and clearly bad for me and my neighbors as well as our environment. As questioned above, I'm not against all burning on larger properties, but would prefer a total ban over a partial ban. Thanks! [REDACTED]</p>
597	5/22/21 8:05 PM	<p>Burning is not good for the environment or our health and it can cause fires. My allergies are triggered when my neighbors burn, the smoke gets in my house and clothes and it can be smelled for days.</p> <p>Please ban all burning.</p>
598	6/28/21 6:33 PM	<p>Need a complete ban. It's horrible for the environment and people who are compromised especially this really ruins the quality of life for us here to be able to enjoy the outdoors at our own homes. I feel we are extremely behind the times on this issue</p>
599	6/28/21 8:25 PM	<p>We have a neighbor who in the past has burned wet grass clippings, leaves, and firewood scraps at all times of the day and night. I have left clothes out to dry on the line and have had to wash them three days in a row due to the neighbor burning daily. The person downwind has been forced to deal with smoke so bad he cannot see more than 20 or more feet and gets marooned in his house when this is being done. They also have left fires burning overnight when I believe a fire ban was in place. Calls to the fire department and county officials seem to fall on deaf ears. What they call their "recreational" firepit is about 8 feet in diameter and seems to be maybe 10 feet or so from the property line. They burn because they know they can get away with it. Our neighborhood should not have to deal with this. I personally have a lot of trees on property and compost all the leaves on site. It is not hard to do in our area where there is a lot of land to support it.</p>
600	7/10/21 9:29 PM	<p>Leaf burning LEAF BURNING BAN RESTRICTED DAYS ON WOOD BURNING</p>
601	4/28/21 2:15 AM	<p>We don't burn lawn clippings, leaves, or landscaping waste (weeds, etc). We burn fallen limbs, small branches, any trees that have been cut down and dried properly. Our property is 2 acres and on an oak prairie. It would require multiple dump trucks per season to take off site. Although I don't</p>

		think it should be regulated, possibly limiting the days of the week you can do it would help.
603	4/29/21 2:05 PM	I have Asthma and smoke is my major trigger. So everytime there is yard waste being burned and I am outside or driving past in or through the smoke I start to have issues breathing. It is bad for everyone to be breathing in the smoke. Also people don't always pay attention to safety of that burning and risk loosing control of the fire and making for a bad situation. Yard waste pick up would benefit in many ways.
604	4/29/21 11:07 PM	To many huge mature oak trees in this neighborhood. We need to burn , if we had. To put it in bags we would go broke
606	5/5/21 5:07 PM	I am so tired of the government trying to control everything. If you don't like open burn, then MOVE out of Lake County.
607	5/6/21 1:01 PM	You are creating a problem where there is none. We live in unincorporated areas so we do not have to deal with busy bodies that have nothing better to do than complain about their neighbors. If we wanted to deal with that nonsense, we would live in HOAs with ridiculous restrictions. I do not appreciate your survey questions being biased towards restrictions.
608	5/7/21 11:07 PM	I would pay higher taxes to help with landscape disposal rather than burning! Other options include mulching and composting. I can't sit outside my house or open my windows and enjoy beautiful days MANY days of the summer and fall because of burning. The American Lung Association gives Lake County failing grades to our air quality. When there was a ban on burning due to Covid I could actually enjoy the outdoors! I WOULD LIKE BURNING BANNED ALTOGETHER IN LAKE COUNTY!
609	5/11/21 2:45 PM	I like to be able to have a back yard fire pit for social purposes. Not for disposal of waste.
610	5/12/21 3:39 PM	I would like a complete ban on open burning. I have several friends with COPD and asthma who cannot even go outside due to neighbors burning all year. Thank you.
611	5/20/21 11:05 PM	For those of us with health issues, the constant burning is a hazard. It's also frustrating when I can't keep my windows open at night for cooling because neighbors are burning almost every day and the smoke lingers through the night. Please!! Ban burning!
612	5/27/21 3:05 PM	I have lived in unincorporated Lake County (Knollwood) for 32 years and have had to deal with my neighbors burning landscape waste and sometimes trash. It is impossible to go outside at all while they are burning (hard to breathe and a health hazard). In my neighborhood, the homes are close together and you cannot avoid breathing in the smoke. On beautiful, warm days someone is always burning, and you cannot go outside and enjoy the weather or open your windows to allow fresh air inside your home. Burning in your yard should be banned. Let's make our neighborhood safe, healthy, and smoke-free!!!
614	4/26/21 5:16 PM	IF Libertyville Township would provide leaf pick up ( we have asked and they said no), but townships like Warren do, and Green Oaks ) then through taxes this service should be provided, and I would not burn leaves. Political entities should concentrate on other issues instead of taking away all our rightts

618	4/26/21 5:31 PM	Landscape waste haulers for unincorporated areas would need to be able to handle large piles of curbside leaves in the fall. In heavily wooded areas there are a huge amount of leaves to contend with. Bagging, or limited container sizes, is not really practical. In the absence of high-volume landscape waste pickup, the only way to deal with the fall leaf volume is through burning.
619	4/26/21 5:32 PM	We responsibly burn leaves and tree branches etc. from our yard and desire no restrictions on doing so.
621	4/26/21 5:34 PM	My property is 1.5 acres with large old growth maple trees that have many leaves and branches that fall. Open burning is necessary for maintenance of my property. The burning of waste does not happen daily, only when needed. All of my surrounding neighbors have fire pits and imposing an open burning ban will affect all of us. Rural Lake County does not need this ban or restrictions. Lake County government needs to back off on the regulations, it's getting out of hand. Listen to the voters, we said we didn't want a ban.
622	4/26/21 5:36 PM	Unincorporated areas in Lake County should not have restrictions on open burning of landscape waste. The people that live in unincorporated Lake County, typically have more land than people living in incorporated areas of Lake County, with more land comes more yard waste. It is more convenient for land owners to burn their yard waste rather than collecting it in bags for pick up. The amount of land each homeowner has, reduces any potential risk yard waste poses to neighbors. If you don't to inhale burning yard waste, move to the city, incorporated areas of Lake County, or move out of the Midwest where there are four seasons including, Fall. Do not impose rules on Unincorporated areas of Lake County, we live here for a reason. We don't want restrictions or rules.
623	4/26/21 5:41 PM	There is a reason people burn yard waste, and a reason we live where we do. My burning does not affect other people. Since my burning does not affect other people there is no reason that anyone should impose on my right to burn on my own property. I bought a house where I did for a reason. Please do not take away my right to burn.
624	4/26/21 5:42 PM	Please explain the difference between garbage/recycling/landscape waste consolidated service and the one with food scraps as it is not clear in the above options. Arent food scraps put in garbage disposal or regular garbage? Very confusing. Also our taxes are already extremely high for you to require yet another service for us to subscribe to. How about free of charge service or how about using some of those millions you seem to have set aside to build new libraries and using it for something residents will actually use.
625	4/26/21 5:49 PM	Lake County is expensive as it is, this looks like a grab for more fees/taxes. Can't wait until my house sells and this becomes someone else's problem to deal with.
627	4/26/21 5:54 PM	If your are going to put a band on open burn for the public. How about the burning that the Forest Preserve does?
628	4/26/21 6:02 PM	I live in unincorporated Lake Villa. I have MANY Oak Trees on my 1/3 acre property. I pay for yard waste service, the 4 cans a week I am allowed only covers the removal of my grass clippings and weeds. I can't tell you how

		<p>many cans/bags I would have to use over the course of the Fall season, probably hundreds upon hundreds of cans! If I don't burn those leaves I would have no grass in my yard, the leaves would be at least a foot high in my whole yard! If you could incorporate the vacuum trucks to come through our unincorporated neighborhoods periodically throughout the fall season I would be open to that! Honestly, I don't believe any other options will work. So, it basically comes down to vacuum trucks or you leave open burning as an option for us in Unincorporated Lake County where we have so many trees to deal with. I can not afford hundreds of cans nor have the room for that for leaf removal, that is just absurd, and I don't own a pick up truck for bring leaves to a dump site.</p>
629	4/26/21 6:03 PM	<p>I don't want any restrictions placed on open burn in unincorporated lake county. We purchased in unincorporated to avoid having a fee for everything we do. Say no to restrictions!</p>
630	4/26/21 6:05 PM	<p>Our small HOA open burns a couple of times a year to get ride of the fallen branches and dead trees as well as buckthorn on the property and would need to continue to do so. I feel it would be cost prohibitive to the HOA to have it hauled away. I am not aware of anyone in our subdivision burning leaves and other landscape material. Most homeowners have fire pit that are used sporadically throughout the year.</p> <p>It is my opinion that you need to consider the area where the house or subdivision is located and the amount of property it has before you decide what should be done about open burning. A one size fits all does not work in this case. I think that that 5 acers is excessive and 1 acers is more suitable if you are going to restrict open burning to the size of the homeowners property.</p> <p>Limiting open burning to certain areas might be an approach such as by zip code one week per month so everyone is not burning at the same time throughout the county.</p>
631	4/26/21 6:09 PM	<p>We need to maintain open burn for unincorporated areas.</p>
632	4/26/21 6:23 PM	<p>We bought our home/property in the unincorporated area for the lower property taxes and to have LESS RESTRICTIONS! I strongly oppose Lake County putting any restrictions on the unincorporated areas whatsoever ever!!!!</p> <p>People living in this county, in this state are already fed up! That's why so many people are leaving IL. Stay off of our properties and out of our business. It's bad enough that we are forced to contribute \$9,000 of our annual property taxes towards a pubic school system that has now been rendered useless to us through the ridiculous non-science based Covid "pre-cautions" and CRTL Standards. We will not allow this state to manipulate and indoctrinate our children's minds. Keep this up and we will move our tax dollars elsewhere. We've had it!</p>
633	4/26/21 6:26 PM	<p>Is sending more huge trucks out into the streets any more friendly to the environment? I am guessing it will be another charge to the home owner, and we are weighed down already.</p>

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635	4/26/21 6:31 PM	<p>I have a neighbor that cuts grass and cuts down trees at other people's homes. He brings trees and all home to burn. I thought this was illegal. That people are only allowed to burn the stuff from their own yard. He also burns when the ozone level is very high. All this smoke goes in my bedroom window. I have COPD. I get along with my neighbors including him. But it is affecting my health now. Who would I contact to get this problem resolved.</p>
636	4/26/21 6:32 PM	<p>To keep costs down for residents allow open burning of landscaping waste. Regular waste/recycling costs are high enough without adding an additional fee to the residents</p>
637	4/26/21 6:35 PM	<p>The idea that county wants to ban or "limit" what people can already do is outrageous! And the fact that you want people to support a ban which would increase taxes or garbage bill to support when it's already FREE to burn! I do support the safety of burning. For example not near busy roads or excessive large fires. My neighbors have already agreed they will ignore a ban on burning in which a waste is tax payer's money to call the police or fire dept for someone burning some leaves. You will see many people move from unincorporated to just over the border which will result in even lower tax revenue</p>
638	4/26/21 6:48 PM	<p>We are seniors on a limited and fixed income. To have to start paying for hauling away branches and limbs from trees would put a tremendous burden on us and others.</p>
639	4/26/21 6:49 PM	<p>I mulch most of the time but sometimes it becomes too much e.g. fall. Also, since I am on Lake Marie, I deal with debris from the lake when there is flooding (which has been at LEAST once a year for the last 4 years). My lot is surrounded by trees which create a lot of debris after high winds. What would I do if I could not burn. Flooding debris includes piers, posts, seaweed, mud, ropes, floating objects, dead fish and the list goes on and on. It would cost a fortune to have some hauler pick all that debris. I mulch my grass all the time and do what I can to not burn. When I burn it is usually logs and twigs.</p> <p>I am OK with restrictions as long as I am allowed to burn at sometime. The township picks up debris on the road after a storm. To my knowledge I cannot take debris from my lawn and place it on the road to be picked up.</p>
642	4/26/21 6:57 PM	<p>I prefer to make my own choices. Please don't overreach and regulate things that don't need regulation.</p>

643	4/26/21 7:09 PM	<p>We have a wooded area on our 5+ acre lot. Generally, we burn landscape waste - trees, fallen limbs, etc. On rare occasion, we burn leaves, but that is minimal.</p> <p>Every other year, we also burn off our two small rain gardens and one prairie zone (0.4 acres)</p>
644	4/26/21 7:12 PM	<p>For those with properties with buckthorn, floribunda roses and other invasives, open burning is the only means to eradicate these, and dispose of them responsibly. Our small farm spends about 120 hours annually removing nuisance brush and pruning trees. There is way too much to take to the road for yard waste removal, and many invasives cannot be chipped or mulched due to the risk of spreading. Open burning is a key component in ecological management, and brush removal is critical to reduce or prevent uncontrolled fires. It's important to look at the entire environmental impact rather than focus on one, at the risk of poorly managing all others. Allow open burning! Perhaps restrict to properties over 2 acres with a minimum distance from property lines.</p>
649	4/26/21 9:05 PM	<p>One should be respectful of one's neighbors. Leaf burning is a private, not government, issue.</p>
650	4/26/21 9:30 PM	<p>The ability to burn yard waste and have backyard fires larger than 3' x 3' is one of the key reasons I was attracted to unincorporated Lake Villa and moved here. These older suburbs are rich with trees which means exponentially more sticks and leaves than subdivisions in many other layouts. The limited burn days imposed during the Covid outbreak have been workable, but a total ban or conversion to Lake Michigan water without the option to retain and well are the two changes which would prompt me to consider relocating.</p>
653	4/26/21 9:42 PM	<p>We so appreciate being able to have small campfires in our yard as well as being able to burn sticks and leaves during clean up times. We have many trees that are always shedding sticks.</p>
654	4/26/21 10:02 PM	<p>I do not see the burning of Landscape material (that is burnable) to be an issue.</p>
655	4/26/21 10:37 PM	<p>The sticks I burn are not more than a bonfire or two once a year. Would be a real inconvenience to have to pay to have sticks removed.</p>
657	4/26/21 11:30 PM	<p>I live in Russell, IL which is like living in no mans land. Trucks speed by day and night and previously were not allowed to use Russell Rd. To see a sheriffs deputy here policing the speeding trucks is a rare occurrence, although I've called numerous times asking for just that. I pick up garbage thrown from passing cars and trucks daily and listen to jake brakes being used by truckers who apparently think they sound cool day and night. Am I concerned that my neighbor an acre away from me is burning lawn waste? Absolutely not. I pay for my garbage service as do my neighbors. Our little town does not need policing when it comes to burning as it's rarely a thing other than a neighborly bonfire. How about addressing the real concerns of our town before a resident is run down by a speeding truck trying to retrieve their mail, which we have to race between speeding trucks to cross Russell</p>

		Road do? We have bigger issues here than some lawn waste being burned once or twice a month.
658	4/26/21 11:44 PM	No additional removal costs. Costs should come from already available funding without tax increases or additional costs imposed on homeowners
659	4/27/21 12:40 AM	I cannot believe that you are considering taking away our freedom. No one has ever asked me to not burn. I have 1/2 acre with 9 adult trees. I swear to cut them all down if this rule goes into effect. Way to deforest lake county.
661	4/27/21 12:58 AM	My property is nearly 500 feet in length and about a 30 feet incline to the road. I would find it a hardship to bag or can all the waste which occurs (only periodically) to the street. We are a "tree-hugging" county and therefore, should encourage tree growth along with the resultant leaves and branches that are generated from them. I compost lake weeds and lake debri. I retain grass clippings in the yard. I can tolerate restrictions ,but strongly oppose bans on burning.
662	4/27/21 1:10 AM	If you keep taking away our rights, then you will leave us with no other alternative but to remove you from office come election time. It is bad enough that you are causing people to move with all the restrictions and taxes you are putting on us. Please stop and leave the unincorporated area alone. I am sure you will have some unincorporated areas in the ritzier area that do not want burning, but some of us that have lived this way for years like it and don't want it changed. If you need to make changes, make it for them and not us.  Thank you.
667	4/27/21 3:37 AM	My preferred method of removal of the heavy leaf accumulation from my area of wooded lots would be by weekly leaf vacuum service as is done in many places.
669	4/27/21 4:27 AM	When you purchase a home and you love the county your in, the first thing anyone looks for is unincorporated because of lower taxes, not strict rules or laws like actual city or village, and it's usually lower middle class that work their butt off to live and want to relax on their property doing what they want. Burning land waste should not in any way be such a concern that it needs to be banned. With all these restrictions with everything it is one other thing that is making this state, county be unwelcoming. Our whole subdivision burns, when there is bad storms, we burn the waste, when fall/spring comes we burn, sometimes even a relax night to just hang out. Stop trying to keep people inside or away from simple gatherings by taking away a cheap easy way to enjoy a night of two. Work schedules and certain allowed burning days is more of a hinder. Move to a HOA or private community if you don't want to be around burning. Our dumps are already to full as well!
670	4/27/21 5:30 AM	There are different types of yard waste that have various levels of smoke. I believe people actively look to unincorporated area to have more freedom in the use and maintenance of their property including burning at times. I believe the temporary emergency ban should be removed as there is no connection between the ban and any covid related health/safety benefits



		beside County government trying to appear like they are taking action with a congratulatory pat on the back.
671	4/27/21 9:35 AM	I need more government restrictions and rules like I need another asshole. Stay out of my business. Most of live in unincorporated areas for a reason.
673	4/27/21 11:46 AM	Open burning is a necessity for many property owners who live in wooded areas, there is far too much landscape waste to be hauling to the curb, especially after storms. Leave the current burning ordinances alone.
674	4/27/21 11:48 AM	It's best to just have certain days for open burning, then all are aware of these days and know about it. Do not take this away too!
676	4/27/21 12:00 PM	Having a larger property with burning access allows me to better maintain my property. It doesn't seem to cause any issues with the current selected days allowed. I do believe that this could cause a problem when everyone decides to burn on those days. The freedom to burn on any day would be best.
679	4/27/21 12:56 PM	I live in far western Lake County in a rural area. We utilize open burning for all of our yard waste. We only burn when necessary in certain times of the year and it does not happen daily. I cannot afford any additional fees to haul yard waste away. All of my neighbors open burn when necessary. I feel the county does not take the residents of western Lake County into consideration when adopting new policies and regulations and our voice is not heard. We have owned our property since 1969 and had a home built in 1976. We have resided in Lake County the entire time in the same home and open burning has been allowed the entire time. Please do not impose any restrictions on this practice.
683	4/27/21 1:53 PM	Many people moved to an unincorporated area for the less restrictions. Open burning has always been allowed. I would hate to see it go. So many people burn their leaves in the fall. Please do not prohibit open burning.
684	4/27/21 2:01 PM	on of the reasons why I like living in unincorporated Lake County is the fact that I can open burn if I choose to
685	4/27/21 2:02 PM	There are too many restriction on homeowners already. We dont live in city limits for a reason. We like the freedom to get rid of our own yard waste.
686	4/27/21 2:20 PM	This ban would create more of a headache for those of us that don't live in normal neighborhoods and can burn our leaves and natural debris. I am opposed to a ban.
687	4/27/21 2:27 PM	I would like to see the County open a pay-to-dump location to help minimize fly dumping which I see a lot of.
689	4/27/21 4:01 PM	I assume that means NO control burning by the county I would gladly pay for loose leaf pickup in the fall composting and mulching virtually impossible due to volumn of leaves
690	4/27/21 4:15 PM	Please don't ban camp fires and burning of leaves. I do not burn grass clippings, I bag those up and take them to another property I own which has landscape waste collection
692	4/27/21 4:53 PM	Please leave things the way they are. I and my family purposely move to an unincorporated area so we could have the right to burn yard waste. If people oppose burning yard waste they should move to a subdivision that has an HOA. I am getting sick and tired of government making us pay left and right for everything. I use my leaves as a mulch throughout the winter. If I want to

		burn some twigs and leaves in the spring and summer, that should be my choice. And stop acting like you are concerned with my health. Lake county is completely fine with manufacturing companies that omit carcinogenic's into the air on a daily basis. You should not live in unincorporated areas if you don't want people to burn their yard waste. This is a complete overreach. The people I know that live in unincorporated areas Do Not want to pay more for yard waste pick up. I believe you will have more unsightly yards in unincorporated Lake County if we are not allowed to burn yard waste.
693	4/27/21 4:56 PM	I've been in this county for 30+ years and have never had issues with burning. I don't have to pay for disposal services and do not want to begin to (nor do I want to pay for other peoples' with my tax dollars). Do not break something that is not broken please.
694	4/27/21 5:23 PM	Property with many trees would make landscape waste cost prohibitive. Seniors would also have issues with the physical aspects of filling landscape bags with leaves. The only way to change this is to have leaf pickup added to unincorporated areas of the county.
695	4/27/21 5:59 PM	I pay taxes and ALOT, I don't need another bill for my yard waste removal
697	4/27/21 6:18 PM	I have asthma and realize there may be a day here and there I can't go outside when everyone is burning leaves, but it is not a big inconvenience. I prefer to be able to burn my own yard waste as I chose, and to be able to sit and relax at night around my stone fire pit. I do not want to lose these rights. It si why I choose to live in an unincorporated area.
700	4/27/21 6:37 PM	Please do not ban open burning. People should be able to have a bonfire in their backyard without the police showing up.
703	4/27/21 8:01 PM	Please stop regulating everything and focus on roads.
705	4/27/21 8:20 PM	I have measured how many lawn waste bags I would been. In a year with less leaves aproxmitly 120 bags. Bad year 170-180. I have 4 big oak trees that you and I could not reach around them and touch hads. They are very old. I guess iys time to destroy them by cutting them down die to the cost of disposing of the leaves
706	4/27/21 9:31 PM	I don't want to see additional restrictions on open burning. We mulch some waste and burn the rest of our landscape waste because 1) we have no other option to get rid of mountains of dead leaves, etc and 2) we don't want to and should not have to pay additional fees for landscape bags/stickers/pickup. Additionally, we enjoy an occasional camp fire in our burn pit and I hate to see yet another free, family friendly activity banned by our local government.
707	4/27/21 9:46 PM	I live on a wooded 2 acre lot. This open burning restriction would not allow me to rid of leaves dead trees and no longer able to properly manage and maintain my property at economical cost. It is a fact that yearly controlled burns is the best way to manage forests to peak health. This is a ridiculous proposal for people that own larger properties in unincorporated lake county.

709	4/27/21 10:55 PM	I do not have an issue with restricting or banning the burning of leaves, however, I do not want restrictions at all on campfires or fire pits. S'mores in the yard is a great past time.
710	4/27/21 11:14 PM	I live with a ton of trees, if i cant burn them there is NO WAY i will be able to rid of my leaves in the fall.
711	4/27/21 11:52 PM	None I'm not paying to have someone else burn my branches that fell on my grass
712	4/28/21 12:19 AM	<p>I get nervous whenever any governmental entity starts talking about "reasonable restrictions".</p> <p>What is reasonable in a densely populated area is entirely different than what is reasonable in rural parts of Antioch or Grant townships. I would suggest that county board members from the eastern part of the county take a drive through the western part of the county and see the reality what residents here face. There are large lots and even larger numbers of mature trees. My yard is just over 1/2 acre and has a number of large trees that drop a lot of leaves in the fall and branches year round that need to be dealt with. My situation is not unique. Drive around the area and see.</p> <p>I suppose we could spend thousands of dollars (which those of us that are retired may or may not have) to cut them down, but I thought trees were a good thing and are to be valued?</p> <p>I would appreciate the board thinking long and hard before before imposing another expense on us.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>██████████ ██████████</p>
715	4/28/21 1:31 AM	I'm on a fixed income can't afford any more cost to my budget
716	4/28/21 3:09 AM	Please do not ban it, I have 2 wooded acres and my oaks drop tons of leaves and dead branches. I can't haul them all up to the street, it would be way to much time and effort. It could never happen..
717	4/28/21 3:16 AM	Less government and no restrictions within reason.
719	4/28/21 3:40 AM	We moved here to do as we wish on our unincorporated property, farms need to open burn
721	4/28/21 6:51 AM	Please don't ban open burn. What happens if we want to enjoy a bonfire on Saturday nights? We are already so limited on what we can do on our property that we pay for. So many rules already.
722	4/28/21 11:05 AM	The ability to open burn is a draw for some residents (including myself) it was a reason I was drawn to live in an unincorporated area. My father has respiratory illness and was even hospitalized for COVID-19 and he has had no less than 20 open burn fires in the past two months burning whole trees not just yard waste (in Oregon). I feel imposing the "Covid-19" restriction was unreasonable before but understood the public health aspect. Choosing to keep it in place or potentially ban all burns would be unnecessary and adverse for unincorporated residents.

725	4/28/21 1:31 PM	Do not totally ban landscape burning.
726	4/28/21 1:38 PM	I admit I do burn my leaves and sticks that fall and have an occasional bonfire. I value that benefit. I have over a half acre of tree covered land and the removal of the leaves and sticks to have to bag and pay for would be substantial. I only burn yard waste, I have neighbors who burn their garbage, that is not a fun smell but that is their right too.
727	4/28/21 2:41 PM	There are rules in place for open burning. If homeowners are not complying then that individual should be addressed. NOT the whole County. This is one of the reasons I moved to Unincorporated Lake Villa. Our taxes are over the top. We do not need any more expenses...
728	4/28/21 3:01 PM	If this is something the county would like to do, the yard waste service should be provided without additional cost, given the ridiculously high taxes we pay with so few services provided. Provide the service and figure out how to cover it with your current revenues.
729	4/28/21 3:25 PM	1/4 of the reason I purchased my unincorporated property with 10,000 sq feet of land in 2018 was the freedom of burning the yard waste from the trees on my property. The costs of yard cleanup yearly will cost so much. To the fact, it will force me to cut down most of my trees offsetting the carbon footprint I am creating. At that rate, there should no longer be allowed to have controlled burns with all the fuels and smoke put off on preserve property. It should be raked and hauled away like the residents.
730	4/28/21 3:39 PM	doesnt the county have anything better to do
732	4/28/21 4:12 PM	I live in unincorporated area of lake county - because I am free to use a garbage co of my choice - I have lived in villages where the communist/village determines who I MUST use and pay for. If the county wants to tell me who I must use I will campaign and vote against any and all the want to impose this. I have burned responsibly and will continue to do so.
733	4/28/21 4:16 PM	I am totally opposed to a ban on yard waste burning.
734	4/28/21 4:29 PM	Burning landscape waste is such an easy way to dispose of it. We don't need another hauler on the street and another bill to pay.
736	4/28/21 4:37 PM	I have 2 acres of which 1 acre is heavily wooded. I trim and thin as required to keep my yard open and beautiful. I burn maybe 3 or 4 days per year after the tree waste is dry and provided minimal smoke. I mulch my leaves so no need for large smokey leaf burning. Please keep the present 3 day week burn program as it fits well with my needs and min imizes expense. Most of the neighbors in my unincorporated area do the same as me to keep the woods at bay. PS - If the city and county can do their controlled burns why can't we do the same for similar reasons. They probably pollute the air more than us home owners. ██████████ Ela Township
737	4/28/21 4:44 PM	Burning leaves has been a tradition in Lake County for many years. Also there is many camp grounds an property around the lakes where people enjoy the tradition of camp fires. It is an important part of American culture and should not be canceled

738	4/28/21 4:46 PM	If this open burning is stopped for removing unwanted brush and leaves, thus the county must stop burning the forest preserves as we get the smoke and ash from those burn offs as I am next to a preserve. Thank you
739	4/28/21 5:05 PM	I would be very unhappy if open burning was entirely banned. We have a fire pit set aside for burning leaves, wood scraps, and fallen branches.
740	4/28/21 5:13 PM	I could understand restrictions on leaf burning, but burning wood from fallen trees should always be allowed
741	4/28/21 6:02 PM	Stop being idiots and telling people how to live!!!!
743	4/28/21 7:30 PM	I think that the current temporary landscape waste burning rule would be good to keep in place. I would not like a total ban but I do believe that some weekly spacing or scheduling would be good to keep from having a consistent Smoke haze in the air giving it time to dissipate.
744	4/28/21 8:04 PM	I personally am not bothered by the open burning of landscape waste. And I really enjoy fires, so if I can't burn landscape waste, will I still be able to have an open fire? And I truly feel that if open burning of landscape waste is forbidden, than I shouldn't have to pay more for a service to pick it up.
746	4/28/21 8:54 PM	We have over an acre of property that has a lot of trees. We do some open burning in the fall and spring, also after a big storm if limbs come down. We also compost yard waste when possible. We have so many trees that it would be impossible to just keep piling fallen branches up in the yard however Thank you for the opportunity to share our opinion. We follow the rules to only burn on the assigned days and would strongly encourage this same approach.
748	4/28/21 9:16 PM	There are no problems with open burning in my town. We are a rural area and have been doing this forever. There are little or no issues. Just leave things as they are. For the whiners have them move back to the city and pay more!
749	4/28/21 9:17 PM	Leaf burning is a necessary means to dispose of yard waste, I have 2 acres in a wooded area it is not practical bag all my leaves.  Our township has a great contract for waste with WM. Please do not mess that up.
751	4/28/21 9:34 PM	People living in subdivisions or close housing should have more burning restrictions and can generally have their lawn waste picked up. Even on larger properties, burn piles should not be huge. During periods of high winds and/or drought, burning should not be allowed. Properties of 1.5 or more acres should have more latitude. Generally, these properties have multiple trees and most likely, invasive buckthorn, box elder, and other invasive species. Charging a home owner to remove a truckload or more of tree branches would be too expensive. Leaves do not have to be burnt, but can be recycled by mowing or mulching. Last year, I did receive e-mail

		announcements from the county about when I could burn due to windy and dry conditions. Unfortunately, some of the neighbors did not receive this information, nor follow common sense burning procedures.
752	4/28/21 9:39 PM	Fall leaf pick up would be a good start.
753	4/28/21 9:40 PM	I live here for the freedom of not having a HOA. Don't start acting like one!
756	4/28/21 9:48 PM	Keep open burns!!
758	4/28/21 10:06 PM	Open burning is one of the reasons we like where we live and it's not like the whole area burns at the same time. If people have a problem with the smoke, they're more than welcome to stay indoors or move somewhere else. Been here since 1958 and to my knowledge, people have only complained about open burning in the last 2 or 3 years.
759	4/28/21 10:09 PM	I don't believe burning yard waste is a problem . I do have a problem with any resident or construction company burning construction materials. We've been residents since 1976 and have enjoyed camp fires and leaf burning . Those two activities don't need regulation, just stop the toxic materials burning , and impose stiff fines when they do. Thanks Thanks for listening .
761	4/28/21 10:24 PM	I live in unincorporated Lake Villa where the village and township do not help us in anyway. I don't believe for a moment that services would be reasonable or affordable to pickup yard waste. If the township decides to limit burning I would understand that however most in the community will continue to burn as will I.
762	4/28/21 10:25 PM	We live in a fairly country setting with lots of leaves and other landscape waste. I am afraid if we couldn't burn it would be very expensive to get rid of our waste. I enjoy burning and don't mind the smoke. If it was limited to only certain days that would be fine. There are many seniors in our area that cannot afford to pay more for anything. Most of my neighbors in my subdivision burn so I know we would not like to see a total ban.
763	4/28/21 10:32 PM	If lake county does want to impose a ban on open burning, then lake county needs to provide removal services at no additional costs or tax increases. The tax payers already pay enough into the system and should not be burdened further with yet another government imposed fee or cost.
764	4/28/21 10:57 PM	I moved to unincorporated so I didn't have things like taking away our rights as property owners to have my liberties taken away. If there days a week restrictions work i would be ok with that. But you have ppl with lot sizes that can't afford more cost of hauling nor should we as a whole be charged for it. Next your going to restrict hot dogs and s'mores on our fire pits!!!  Thanks
765	4/28/21 10:58 PM	We only burn branches and twigs a few times a year. I don't want to pay all year for a few days of burning.
766	4/28/21 11:12 PM	No restrictions leave us alone back here.

767	4/28/21 11:52 PM	I already pay ridiculously high property taxes. You are about to add \$.04 to the gas tax. Now you want to increase the cost of living in Lake County by forcing residents to pay to have their landscape waste hauled away. If your objective to hasten the exodus of residents out of Lake County then keep making it more expensive to live here. If you want to come up with a no cost alternative to disposing of landscape waste, I will fully support it but I will not support a position that is going to cost me more to live in Lake County. So much could be done by the Lake County Board to reduce the tax burden if you WOULD ONLY DO YOUR JOB INSTEAD OF INCREASING THE COST OF LIVING IN LAKE COUNTY. I HAVE YET TO SEE THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD MAKE ONE DECISION THAT LOWERS THE TAX BURDEN ON RESIDENTS.
768	4/28/21 11:53 PM	One of the reasons I live in unincorporated lake county is because I can burn my leaves in the Fall!!! It is mainly a Fall Activity here, and although we tend to have more smoke than usual then, its really for a very short time..I don't see anybody in my neighborhood, which is West Miltmore/Venetian Village abusing that rule...I would think if it was a constant year round thing it might cause a problem, but for the most part it is really very limited.. Plus I like the wonderful smell of the leaves burning! People coming into the area should have been aware of this before they moved here.. and again as I said, it is for a very limited time that we burn them. Don't Ban The Burning!!Thank You, [REDACTED]
770	4/29/21 12:19 AM	I have an acre and half. I'm surrounded by cornfield. I would like to be able to burn my landscape degree when wanted. That's partly why I moved here and have been living here for over 20 years
771	4/29/21 12:39 AM	Just leave it alone. We like our right to open burn.
772	4/29/21 12:42 AM	Why do you insist on stopping our right to burn? What else do you plan on taking away from us?
775	4/29/21 1:10 AM	It seems most landscape waste service is time consuming to load in bags and bot practical.
776	4/29/21 1:10 AM	WE don't need government to be our nanny's. If neighbors have issues with open burning of landscape waste they can talk it out as adults. I live across a crumbling township road from a now forest preserve. Before this land was acquired by the forest preserve (actually, we, the taxpayers) I dumped my landscape waste there. The area was and remains all scrub land. I did this years with the permission of the owner. It would naturally decompose with no ill effects. It made good compost that I sometimes availed myself of. Now the forest preserve forbids dumping of any kind. In the past I wound remove and dispose of trash that others had thrown there. I don't bother any more nor does the forest preserve. My taxes are steep enough at over \$20,000. I don't need another tax in the form of another regulation that forces me to buy a service I don't need or want.  Do not give in to environmental activists.
778	4/29/21 1:19 AM	We live in heavy wooded lot. During fall leave drop it would take 100 plus bags to dispose of leaves. I would not dispose of leaves and let the blow

		around and clog up street sewers and add additional phosphorus into lakes as they decay.
783	4/29/21 2:42 AM	<p>I live in an unincorporated area for just reasons such as this. I burn some yard waste, as it presents great difficulty for me to haul my nature's waste up to the street from the lake and yard. I cannot afford many more increased fees from the state or county. We are both disabled and trying to live on a fixed income.</p> <p>I could help but notice that you did not include collar counties such as Kenosha and perhaps Walworth counties in Wisconsin.</p> <p>I cannot help but think of the open/controlled burns in the rural forest area where I lived in California. Even they knew they had to burn fallen foliage and dead trees to clear out the underlayment and reduce fuels for wild-land fires.</p>
784	4/29/21 3:27 AM	You wonder why people are moving out.. Don't need another bill or people to tell me when to light a fire on my property.If you don't like fires move back to Cook County...back to your high rise...back I the early 70s they would of burned you for bringing this up...especially knowing how big of a cut you'll get for the xtra servicesYou all make me sick..
785	4/29/21 3:47 AM	We live in a highly wooded area. The only reasonable option is to open burn.
786	4/29/21 4:27 AM	Being allowed to burn landscape waste is a way the young kids have get together with their friends and staying out of trouble.
787	4/29/21 5:35 AM	It is our property, we pay taxes for stuff we own, you guys are always trying to take away anything that we see fit to do on our own land, my land not yours
789	4/29/21 11:13 AM	If consolidated services were established, how would assessment of fair pricing be checked from year to year?
790	4/29/21 11:36 AM	Let us continue with open burning. It should be a persons choice not a mandate.
793	4/29/21 11:48 AM	Large woodpiles will attract vermin., be unsightly, and affect quality of life.
798	4/29/21 1:01 PM	I would like to not have to burn my leaves but we have so many we could never bag them. We need a service that would vacuum them up a few times in fall and maybe a few times in spring.
801	4/29/21 1:56 PM	Main reason I live in unincorporated areas
803	4/29/21 2:13 PM	It's easy for people on small pieces of land to take care of landscape waste without burning. We live on a treed acre of land and it would be impossible to get all the leaves in the fall to the front of the property for pick up and it would have to be more than once or twice at that time, how cost effective would that be? We mulch as many of the leaves as we can, but there is no way it can all be mulched, it's way too much. Landscape service costs too much, we can not afford that. Plus if we have no burning, think of all the waste that landscape services or government would be dumping! We burn, and we burn sensibly, we do not put wet landscape in our burn pile or grass



		clippings. Why do we always need government putting controls on us for every little thing. We can make good decisions without you telling us what we have to do. Just another reason to move out of Illinois!
804	4/29/21 2:23 PM	<p>Many of the home owners have been desperately attempting to eliminate invasive brush, especially buckthorn. The usual way to eliminate the the cut brush is to burn. Left to dry for a couple weeks, buckthorn is clean burning and not offensive. I totally agree with the ban of burning of smelly and wet yard waste which happens way too often.</p> <p>Since many townships in Lake County, Avon, Ela, Fremont, Lake Villa, Shields, or Warren townships offer yard waste pick-up programs, can Libertyville township provide a similar service to it's unincorporated residents for the duration of the restriction?</p> <p>I just don't see how a cut down tree can fit into a yard waste pickup bag. Bags work ok for grass and leaves, but I compost them and reuse.</p> <p>Stickers and bags are not a viable solution.</p> <p>Good luck and I hope something can be worked out.</p>
805	4/29/21 2:41 PM	I live in unincorporated lake county to be left alone. Please stop trying to regulate like I live in Buffalo Grove. If I wanted big brother telling me what to do I would move there.
806	4/29/21 3:07 PM	I have too much landscape waste to fit in a trash tote.
808	4/29/21 3:27 PM	One of the reasons we moved out of village was to avoid many restrictions. We only burn branches and leaves that are natural to environment. Just leave it alone.
809	4/29/21 3:43 PM	During the pandemic we have been adhering to the open burn limitations of only serval days per week. The schedule has been working well and I personally would like to see this still allow. With us having a smidge over 1 acer with a lot full of mature trees it would bankrupt us should we have to pay to have only our leaves hauled away. Thank you for your consideration.
811	4/29/21 5:11 PM	There are NO options for landscape - yard commercial waste disposal -- leaves, branches, cut trees, etc. available in my neighborhood. Neither Waste Management or Lakeshore Recycling provide yard waste services in my area although they offer it to other areas. Consequently, there is no viable option for disposal other than burning. Not environmental and I hate it. Wood chipping and mulching large areas of multiple acres is cost prohibitive. I would be THRILLED if Lake County or Ela township would require Waste Management to provide service for yard waste for my area. This is a big problem. Please help with an alternative to burning. Restricting burning hours does NOT solve the core problem. We need your help to get waste hauling services to come in and provide yard waste service like they provide to many/most of the lake county municipalities. Thank you for looking seriously at finding a real solution. Restricting burning does not eliminate the problem. A waste haul option will.

812	4/29/21 5:13 PM	This seems like government meddling by people who aren't actually affected by open burning. Who in the unincorporated areas of Lake County actually wants this change? Just because other municipalities have regulations doesn't mean we need them. What science is there behind claims that there are health issues with open burning?
813	4/29/21 5:35 PM	Our property is under 5 acres but have many mature trees. We hire a private service in Spring and Fall and at other times limit burning. We have done well with the days/hours under the current plan. PLEASE do not regulate further!
815	4/29/21 6:19 PM	I tried to not burn last year because of Covid and the restrictions in place. I can put out three bags of yard waste a week with waste management. And that was totally inadequate for the amount of leaves and grass clipping I was having. I went through three bundles of bags and 25 dollars of additional yard waste stickers and still had backlog of bags of leaves in my garage that I couldn't put out. Burning is needed. Also I found that having burning limited to certain days would mean everyone would happen to burn on the same day and completely choke the air.
817	4/29/21 7:24 PM	If people do not like burning then they should have bought in a neighborhood that does not allow it. Part of the reason why I chose to buy in Venetian Village is because I have the option to burn.
818	4/29/21 8:08 PM	Paying too much for garbage disposal now. When I have landscape waste it is totally from fallen trees and the almost constant trimming of trees and bushes. I let my waste accumulate and usually have a bonfire with friends and family once in the spring and once in the fall, so I do not do a lot of burning. I am now 69 years old and it would be too hard to break down and prepare for a landscape waste hauler and too expensive to pay to remove the amount of downed wood that I have on 11 acres. My area is rural anywhere from 2 to 11 acres, 5 acres being the majority. Waste disposal options would not work here.
822	4/29/21 9:20 PM	Homeowners with larger lots (>1/2 A) would be notably penalized by an inability to 'open burn' landscape wastes. Should 'no burn' restrictions be instituted these homeowners would experience considerable disposal costs (and inconveniences). Additionally, significant restrictions may create disincentives for homeowners to maintain and beautify their properties taking away from the special ambience of our unincorporated neighborhoods which are a magnet for many wanting to move into our area.
823	4/29/21 9:27 PM	Who is going to move the waste up the hill for a waste service....Burn the organic waste!
824	4/29/21 9:36 PM	Far too many oak and maple trees to bag up leaves each year. Small leaf fires during the fall and spring cleanup periods are great. Limit it to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on low wind days, with appropriate water hose/fire extinguisher/etc. nearby, and it must be monitored. Simple basic rules we can all follow.
825	4/29/21 10:19 PM	I have multiple properties around my property that is owned by a homeowners association that i have no part of with multiple dead trees that won't take care of I have danger to my home so I have to clean my self and can't afford trees or brush service to remove

827	4/29/21 11:38 PM	Plan on government using overreach since we lemmings followed restrictions last year. Burning is obnoxious, but necessary. The smoke and smell is most inconvenient during outdoor activities. Weekends should not be allowed for burning, and nighttime hours will be less likely to affect neighbors who had windows open during the day. Certain days of wind speeds should not be allowed. Someone attending to the fire should be required. This approach allows limited government and neighborly concern.
831	4/30/21 11:42 AM	One of the reasons we moved into an unincorporated area was to have the open burning option. If this is changed I will be very upset.
832	4/30/21 12:01 PM	This is so stupid. Stop the insanity. I will work to push out of office any board member that votes to stop burning of yard waste
833	4/30/21 12:53 PM	I am going to be one of those people that say we have always burned. We are cautious, and when our neighbor lived next-door with breathing problems, he just asked that we advise them before burning, and we gave him the courtesy. It's not so hard to coordinate safe burning, being thoughtful of others, and I feel that I just don't need one more thing of a government restricting and sticking their noses into.
834	4/30/21 12:58 PM	I would not like to see any form of restrictions on open burning. We live in unincorporated areas so we do not have to follow the rules and guidelines of living with in those town limits, or incorporated areas. It is unfair to restrict the unincorporated areas because people are unfamiliar with how to manage their own waste. This all being said let home owners choose what they would like to do and how they would like to dispose of their waste.
837	4/30/21 3:54 PM	Please leave things as they are. I have a 5 acre property and do almost all landscaping work myself. When I cut back plants (trees, bushes, grasses) and rake leaves, the amount of yard waste is huge and I need to dispose of it by burning in order to keep my property tidy. There is too much waste to bag as I used to do when I lived in DuPage Co and had a small yard. I burn in the middle of my pasture and it is far from any houses. I use the ashes to fertilize my flower beds. We compost food scraps in a bin, but the yard waste would pile up and take too long to break down in a compost situation. My neighbors have large properties and several do the same as I do. Others hire landscape companies that haul away debris and that is very expensive.
838	4/30/21 4:04 PM	Open burning in my area is light in spring and heavier in the fall with all the leaves. Rarely, is there a problem with the smoke. Most times the burns are on calm days and if a breeze, the neighbors wait until blows away from homes.
841	4/30/21 5:50 PM	If including yard waste in consolidated services didn't raise the price significantly we would like to see it, but when we have had it quoted it's very expensive. We don't burn leaves and pulled weeds we mow them, but do burn the waste from tree trimming 2-4 x per year and would happily follow limitations on that burning, but would not want to see an outright ban. I believe the best thing for lake county is to educate citizens of the time saving and environmental benefits of just leaving leaves on the lawn and mowing right over them!

842	4/30/21 6:00 PM	I have over 40 trees on my property and each fall there are a ton of leaves. I am retired and on a fixed income. I cannot afford to have this many leaves hauled away. I have lived in unincorporated Lake Villa for over 50 years and we've always had open burning and it should stay that way. People who move into the neighborhood and are against it should move to a more suitable neighborhood. That's why I live here to keep costs down. We have no city sewers or water and no sidewalks. Again to keep costs down.
845	4/30/21 7:33 PM	These are reasons people choose to buy in unincorporated areas. Please stop taking away our rights as homeowners.
847	4/30/21 9:19 PM	I live on several acres and have a lot of trees on my property, many of which have been damaged by disease. I have been removing and replacing them and I would not be able to do this if I wasn't able to burn the branches. We chip what we can but there is still a lot that needs to be burned and I could not afford to have it picked up as waste.
849	4/30/21 9:51 PM	Please do not add another regulation - we love living in an unincorporated area BECAUSE there are fewer restrictions. I do not believe that the former amount of unregulated landscape burning significantly impacted air quality, and would want to see the studies that prove otherwise.
850	4/30/21 9:57 PM	I live in uniformitarianism lake county, and often have the need to burn landscape debris. A heavily wooded property of 2+ acres with many diseased dying trees, as well as constant everything of uncontrolled invasives, I have a constant need to dispose of this material. I am fortunate to have a small chipper to recycle much of the material, but that which does not fit, would cost me hundreds of dollars each year for disposal. I do not burn leaves, and would be open to seeing a leaf burn day restriction in densely populated areas.
851	4/30/21 10:47 PM	I live on about an Acre. We have many ancient oaks and shag bark trees. Almost all the property is in shade. The leaves produced would not be able to be placed in bags or raked to the curb. It would take at least 50 bags if not more. I have one neighbor to the west of me so my burning does not go directly into anyone's home. Raking to a curb or bagging it would cause more of an issue for traffic as I live off [REDACTED]. It would be a safety hazard. I also can't imagine hiring someone to bag my leaves. The cost would be extremely high. I burn fall and spring clean up. Mostly small branches and other debris. I use a large fire pit and use it also for bon fires at as a social thing. I don't know what the issues are that concern others as far as safety I do understand air quality however. I realize parts of unincorporated Lake Villa is made up of neighborhoods but also many areas have homes in un built up areas.
855	5/1/21 12:51 AM	Current landscape waste via a waste service limits the amount of waste allowed per week and is not available year round. During the time that I can not mulch my lawn clippings, I fill that allotment for the week, leaving burning as the only other alternative for the dry waste.
856	5/1/21 1:02 AM	Against the ban!

857	5/1/21 1:50 AM	We have a lot of sticks and leave that we need to get rid of. We do this by burning. Ww just moved here and enjoy that option with our new land.
858	5/1/21 2:05 AM	Leaves are easy to turn into compost, branches/sticks take years to decompose. Can't afford landscape service to haul away lg. Branches/sticks. Yard waste bags are useless for those of us with large yards (sticks,etc). Perhaps have township come through neighborhoods 1x week to pick up yard waste.
859	5/1/21 2:13 AM	Our larger wooded lots with older landscaping makes for lots of storm debris. The lots will become very messy if we can't burn sticks, branches & leaves in the fall. If you have to restrict burning please leave it an option several days a week!!!!
860	5/1/21 2:23 AM	I have significant natural areas on my property as well as over 50 mature oak trees. my property is just under 2 acres with roughly 50% being natural prairie. if I am not able to burn my leaves and natural areas it will cause me significant expense to manage my natural area and lead to overgrowth and invasive species becoming prominent
862	5/1/21 2:35 AM	We are more than 500 feet from any structure so I would not want to see any restrictions on open burning. I have allergies, and this doesn't bother me. I'm not sure if the open burning is really as much a problem as it's made out to be. Just one more way to take away something!
867	5/1/21 5:20 AM	Have village workers collect the leafs and have the village burn the leafs. In La Grange they bought a machine that swept the curb and would go around once a week and clean the leafs. Good work for public works employees, low cost to tax payers for an awesome convenience. Home owners leave the leafs at curb in pile village hauls away and burns
870	5/1/21 1:01 PM	I prefer no restrictions on open burning.
871	5/1/21 1:22 PM	that is why I bought in an unincorporated area
872	5/1/21 1:37 PM	I live on 2 acres basically with oak trees and trees in general everywhere, way too much in the way of leaves to ever be picked up. If I couldn't burn (which i do maybe 3 times in Fall) I honestly I guess would have gigantic piles that I would be scared would catch fire anyways. My back up plan would be move away to Wisconsin or mass cut down trees?
873	5/1/21 2:29 PM	I would love to have a monthly fee divided over the year rather than a large lump sum to pay in January for yard waste. I also have some trees that have not lost their leaves until early December for the past few years. I'd love to be able to burn or bag to Dec 15.
875	5/1/21 4:30 PM	The present 3 day a week open burning works well for me and all my neighbors. Lets leave good enough alone. We all have 2 acre lots with 1/2 lawn and 1/2 half woods which need annual thinning to keep at bay. It's called fighting the buck-thorn. Also, if you are catering to the no smoke advocates, than stop the county and villages from doing the annual "controlled" burn, like the one that brought a dozen fire trucks to Cuba Marsh this week. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. [REDACTED]

878	5/1/21 7:16 PM	We never like to see more regulations. This is a diverse community with different needs
879	5/1/21 7:38 PM	<p>We live on 1+ acre of land with many trees. If we were unable to burn our yard waste, defined as branches and leaves, it would cause a serious burden on our ability to maintain our property's attractiveness.</p> <p>Our community's previous experience with putting leaves curbside to be picked up by the waste hauler, Groot, were ineffective. The piles remained for several days after the designated pickup times and the leaves blew all over the neighborhood.</p> <p>We DO NOT support a total burn ban.</p>
880	5/1/21 7:55 PM	<p>I have a larger (1 acre) property on which I have planted native plants, trees and shrubs. As a result, the amount of debris I have from the trimming and care of these plants would be prohibitive to dispose of thru a waster hauler. I am extremely careful whenever I burn and have been respectful of any neighbors whenever I burn. As an example, the elimination of Buckthorn responds well to burning as the Lake County Forest Preserves have found. Finally, the improvement myself and others in Libertyville township have made to our properties by adding trees to reduce the carbon in the atmosphere, far outweighs the minor concerns addressed by some that open burning may cause.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
881	5/1/21 11:37 PM	<p>I am sure [REDACTED] does not have as many trees on as many acres as the people he is trying to push his agenda on. Unfortunately the entire office of Lake County Building and Planning is out to enforce their opinions and agendas for longer than the past 20 years, this is just the latest example.</p> <p>Go figure.....</p>
882	5/1/21 11:55 PM	Leaf Burning and specifically wet leaf burning is only problem.
883	5/2/21 3:52 AM	<p>I OPPOSE any ban on open burning, especially for leaves.</p> <p>I've got over 1.6 acres of Oak trees at my unincorporated Lake County home. I use a Cyclone Rake to suck up my leaves. Its container has a 285 gallon capacity (1.4 cu yds). At the height of the leaf falling, I can fill it up 5 - 6 or more times per day. Yes, I don't do it every day, but I can do it twice a week.</p> <p>I burn what I can, because Oak leaves do not decompose as well and as fast as maple and other trees' leaves. Burning leaves in Lake County is not only a Fall tradition; it's a necessity for me, and others like me.</p>
885	5/2/21 4:35 AM	We have 7 acres with many dead trees & bushes. Burning restrictions would be a major financial, physical, & mental burden
886	5/2/21 1:03 PM	With the amount of large oak trees on my property I have to burn the leaves because I wouldn't be able to afford the better than 100 bags of waste I'd have to sticker. Burning is quick, easy and an affordable way for me to manage the leaves in fall.

889	5/2/21 4:55 PM	If burning leaves from my fully mature oak trees is banned, I will have to cut down my all my trees. Because of the cost to dispose all the leaves they drop every year. What a waste of nature's beauty.
890	5/2/21 11:29 PM	<p>The problem with open burning is LEAVES. Sticks and branches not a problem. Leaves cause a HUGE amount of smoke. People pile up a giant pile of wet moldy leaves, set it on fire then retreat to the inside of their house while they smoke up the entire neighborhood, sometimes overnight. I just mulch my leaves.</p> <p>There's already rules about causing noxious amounts of smoke, but it is impossible to enforce. Many times the people causing the smoke do not care, or if they smoke themselves have no idea it can cause some people issues.</p> <p>Despite my huge distaste for leaf burning, not allowing yard waste burning in unincorporated areas would be difficult. Despite my dislike for our waste hauler, at least we have a choice.</p> <p>A solution would to provide a free option. The Wauconda township offered free brush pickup last year and it was a huge success. The amount of brush and sticks on a large wooded lot can be significant. The problem is leaf disposal.</p>
894	5/3/21 1:19 PM	We do not burn often, but when we do, we are courteous of our neighbors. There has never been an issue in our neighborhood, and many neighbors like to have small social bonfires occasionally. As far as garbage service goes it would be unfair to the current businesses trying to be competitive and stay in business to consolidate. It would also be unfair to impose a monopoly on homeowners for these services.
897	5/4/21 12:02 AM	With the amount of tree branches, and leaves there is no way to bag them. The cost in labor and materials is prohibitive.
899	5/4/21 4:36 AM	I am not in favor of any restrictions for open burning of landscape waste.
901	5/4/21 5:03 PM	I don't agree with a ban on burning, your proposal, however, will allow the forest preserve to burn and anyone with 5 acres or more. That makes no sense. So you are not working for the people. In unincorporated Lake County, the roads are already in deplorable condition which would be exasperated by more heavy truck traffic. Most landscape is generated by other properties., and right of ways. Why should we, the property owner, have to pay for other property owners landscape waste. We should not.
902	5/4/21 5:08 PM	We have 5 acres and I do not want to have to Pay for yard waste removal of fallen trees, sticks, etc..
906	5/4/21 10:54 PM	We do not want any open burning restrictions. We specifically chose this area of Lake County because we enjoy fire pits, and burning leaves in the fall. We do not burn anything noxious, such as treated wood, plastic, or old tires. The amount of "natural smoke" we put into the air is minimal, and is insignificant compared to the amount of pollution that vehicles and local industries contribute on a daily basis. Additionally, we do not want to incur

		<p>any additional fees for yard waste collection - the garbage and recycling fees are already exorbitant for once a week collection!</p> <p>Thank you for listening.</p>
907	5/5/21 2:05 AM	<p>In 2020 I cleared buckthorn, honeysuckle and multiflora rose from a seven acre woods. Additionally the woods was overgrown with assorted trees which had to be removed because they were shading out the lower branches of very large Burr and White Oaks, Shagbark Hickories, Sugar Maples, and Black Walnuts. Without cutting and burning the task would have been impossible. I made several large brush piles for habitat but there was nothing else to do with the balance except burn.</p> <p>This year I will likely acquire an adjoining seven acre parcel which also badly needs restoration. If burning were to become banned I will decline the purchase and the restoration will not happen.</p> <p>The restriction of burning on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday was not a problem as I only burned about once every three weeks. I stockpiled brush in smaller piles and then as the fire pile burns down I push the small piles into the fire with a tractor. This is usually takes an entire day.</p>
908	5/5/21 3:29 PM	<p>I have a very wooded lot and wooded property abuts my property on 2 sides. I do not burn leaves but I do burn the many branches that fall on my property and I would like to continue to do so.</p>
909	5/5/21 4:16 PM	<p>Keeping a five acre wooded property groomed and attractive takes some work, and generates debris in the form of branches, leaves, grass clippings, and weeds. While weeds and grass clippings can be easily dealt with by a waste hauler, branches, tree trimmings, and leaves can not. A burning ban would be a huge mistake, leading to less attractive properties, run-away invasive species, and a general downward spiral of sound forest husbandry. Frankly, I am incredulous it is even being considered.</p>
911	5/5/21 5:10 PM	<p>The whole reason I live in an unincorporated area is because it is the only place I can afford in Lake County and I can barely afford that. I would be ok with yard waste pickup if it was no cost, but any additional cost would be extremely hard for me to accommodate. It really feels like the Lake County leadership is out of touch with how much people are struggling right now. You would think the focus would be on making living here more affordable. We have student loans, medical debt, a transportation system that requires personal vehicle ownership, low wages, and somewhat high taxes. Add to that the increased ability to work remotely and it is hard to justify the cost of living here, as much as I like the area.</p>
912	5/5/21 5:35 PM	<p>When you have an acre or more in unincorporated Lake County you should have the right to burn your leaves on your property so long as it is done safely. Leaf burning really only occurs spring and fall. While there are people who may have issues with the odor and sometimes smoke, controlled burning is allowed in our county. We also allow fire pits, charcoal grills, etc, all of which give off odors and smoke. Given the financial hardships in our county don't make us pay more or be ticketed because we burn our leaves a few times a year.</p>



913	5/5/21 6:14 PM	As my mother always said "Don't fix what isn't broken".
914	5/5/21 7:02 PM	I would like to see it kept as it always has been. We don't need any new restrictions as long as it's managed safely. I bought a home to "do as I please" (within reason/legal actions) not to be given a bunch of rules and regulations because of a few people moving in the area and wanting to change things. Antioch needs to stay a quaint little town and a Saturday summertime burn is a where family and friends can relax and be a neighborhood "together." Also I don't want a POT STORE in my town.
915	5/5/21 7:39 PM	All of the above discussion is targeted to cost and nowhere does it mention time. I currently own 1.8 acres covered with dozens of mature trees. I currently spend 80+ hours a year just mowing up leaves and dumping them in a burn pit, which is extremely efficient. If the requirement was that I had to bag all of those leaves for pickup by a service I could not even estimate the amount of additional hours or cost of bags that would be required. This is a huge additional financial and time requirement!  What also is not discussed is that a burn restriction will impact removal of dead trees. Just in the past 2 years I had to remove 8 dead trees. I got a quote for removal of 2 of those trees for the amount of \$2,000. Fortunately I was able to remove those trees myself and burn all of the tree limbs and wood for a cost of \$0. I highly doubt a waste removal service would have even taken any part of the dead trees without me spending days cutting them in to tiny pieces.
916	5/5/21 8:13 PM	I use common sense when I burn my yard waste.
917	5/5/21 8:18 PM	No restrictions on open burning
919	5/5/21 8:21 PM	I believe that this is a corrupt political attempt to further limit individual freedoms and nothing else. No ban.
920	5/5/21 8:23 PM	Unincorporated areas have vegetative waste not often found in incorporated areas, and therefore should not be compared to them.  We have a one acre homesite with numerous trees on and bordering our property. We mulch leaves instead of burning them, so they are not an issue here. However, we do have large amounts of fallen and trimmed branches that we have to burn. We don't see how a hauler would be able to deal with them. We very carefully contain and control our burning so that it does not endanger any people or property. We wouldn't mind restrictions to daytime hours or even a few days a week, but we must be able to burn.
921	5/5/21 9:01 PM	Outdoor Fires are also used for meal preparation and heat
922	5/5/21 9:02 PM	Charge is high as it is. Can't afford any additional cost
923	5/5/21 9:08 PM	Unincorporated has for more large trees/open land than any incorporated township does. they have small trees, small yards and in turn, small amounts

		<p>of waste. you cannot expect someone with 2+ acres of land with 10-15 very large/mature trees to utilize a waste service to dispose of their yard waste. it would be AT-LEAST 10-15 bags per week of waste that i refuse to pay for on top of our already outrageous property taxes.</p> <p>NO BURN BAN</p>
924	5/5/21 9:36 PM	If I have a safe spot on my property to burn openly I should be allowed to
926	5/5/21 9:55 PM	<p>So many in Venetian Village are poor. When older folks lose jobs, we exist on nothing or social security. WM yard waste services went from \$50 to \$90 per season. We can't afford rising prices thanks to inflation as many work from home and have more to spend while the rest of us struggle. You expect us to pay for yard waste?</p> <p>You think we have "mostly leaves" like manicured McMansions with one sapling? Most of us in Venetian have large trees, branches that fall, saplings, hedges and weed overgrowth.</p> <p>We are across from Lake Miltmore Park with 20 oaks. The village used to mow fallen leaves. Now they just blow them nowhere. Lake winds blow leaves up our driveway and yard daily, so we get leaf waste of 24 trees. If you had yard waste services at WM prices, we'd have to give up food to pay for it.</p> <p>3 days/week is not enough open burning when considering wind, rain, and other limitations. I have lung issues and cancer, and simply avoid outdoors if smoke rarely blows from a neighbor's fire.</p>
927	5/5/21 9:55 PM	I live on the east shore of Grass Lake and I watch DNR burn the sloughs in the State Park all of the burning in our area is 1 64th of what they're burning in the air I don't want to pay 4 natural grass and twigs to get picked up
929	5/5/21 10:22 PM	I've been a resident of the Antioch area for 40+ years. My mother still lives in the village. I chose to live in the Township because it is more affordable and less restrictive. In addition to that, I like to have a bonfire on occasion. I also like that I can burn landscape waste. I live here because I don't want restrictions. I hope you will not change that. I hate that people move from more densely populated areas to here wanting to change this area to be more like the area they originally came from...
930	5/5/21 10:59 PM	No Burn Restrictions. Period. This is ridiculous. Keep your politics off my lawn.
932	5/6/21 12:02 AM	This is once a year that leaves are burned. Will there also be a stop to having fire pits that we enjoy at night next to the water? What about the chain of lakes state park? Will you not allow fires there and also in the campgrounds in unincorporated lake county. We moved here years ago because we enjoy the outdoors and camping and the fire pits. We are now senior citizens and would not be able to afford pickup for the leaves. We would be forced to cut down ALL our beautiful trees. Please do not ban landscape waste.

933	5/6/21 12:22 AM	I would like to be able to burn my yard waste. I am Ok with restrictions on windy days but would be unhappy with total restriction. Our Garbage service charges \$20 a yard wast bag to pick up and dispose of it and we have to call ahead to have it picked up. It is way too expensive!
935	5/6/21 2:10 AM	I only have an acre of land, but I have many large trees that produce and heaping "ton" of leaves every year. I would go broke trying to but the paper bags to put all the leaves in. Burning the leaves makes the process of keeping the yard well landscaped and beautified( which helps home values) If there is consideration of having a hauling company remove leaves. I am sure this will COST MORE money. Whenever we are told things will be cheaper, they ARE NOT! Please don't lie to us and say it will be cheaper. Our taxes are high enough right now, that this service should just be added without increasing our expense. Furthermore, having a leaf Vacuuming truck that can mulch the leave and have them put in a location to be used for Mulch, is a GREAT option. Having a son with Asthma, helps me understand the need for cleaner air however, I can not have a full BAN on burning. Limited days, OK. But no full ban. Thank you. I look forward to hearing what the outcome is.
937	5/6/21 3:11 AM	I cannot imagine properly packaging landscaping waste! I'm already at my financial limits and can't hire someone to package and/or haul my sticks, twigs, and branches. After safely and carefully burning my yard waste for 35 years, I don't see any reason it should become physically impossible and expensive to dispose of. We used to need permits from the Fire Department, which was more to do, but at least we could still burn our yard waste! I don't know why you're considering changes, but I certainly hope it's not just to get more of our money!!
938	5/6/21 3:23 AM	Just regulations on what can be burn, lime no trash
939	5/6/21 3:42 AM	I live on 3 acres with many trees both alive and dead. We have many leaves to burn and we constantly have to clear out buckthorn, bramble, etc. and we have to clear out fallen trees.It is unrealistic for me not to be able to burn . When people move into a unincorporated neighborhood they already know that there will be burning. If you have health issues then don't live in an area where there will be burning. I invite anyone to come out to my property and see what I have to deal with. I'm so tired if government telling me how to run my life. Until you walk in my shoes, I would appreciate it if you would stop telling me how to run my life. Banning burning would truly be a hardship for me and would cause me great expense. Please consider my opinion with an open mind. Thank you.
941	5/6/21 12:50 PM	Burning should be at owners discretion using safe burning practices. Limitations should not be imposed on unincorporated homeowners and homeowners should not be required to obtain services to haul landscape waste.
942	5/6/21 12:56 PM	We don't want any restrictions on open burning of landscape waste, as burning of leaves is one of the reasons we chose to live in this area. If leaf

		burning is completely banned, we'd be looking to move. We would be open to select days/hours for open burning.
943	5/6/21 1:12 PM	I am not opposed to a service to pick up yard waste as long as it does NOT require BAGGING. Unincorporated areas generally have larger lots. Our leaf waste alone would be impossible to bag for curbside pickup. If you go to a ban, you need to provide the same service cities do - vacuum machines for leaves at the curb.
944	5/6/21 1:29 PM	I just moved and built a new home in unincorporated Lake Villa to get away from the overreaching government rules of Round Lake. I burn a very small amount of yard waste each year and try to do it on days when my neighbors are not outside. I see no need for more government overreach of new rules for open burning. This is the reason people are moving out of Illinois in droves. I don't need the government setting more new rules and restrictions. This is also nothing more than another tax that will be pushed onto already over taxed citizens. The money comes from somewhere and it will be the tax payers that will pay for this ridiculous restriction. I also see no reason for Lake county consolidating waste services. Again I just moved to this area so that the government would NOT be able to tell me who I HAVE to use for services. My property my choice. I vote no on the open burning ban.  Sincerely,  One frustrated constituent!!!!!!
947	5/6/21 1:45 PM	Current waste haulers are too expensive.
949	5/6/21 2:45 PM	Burn only Landscape waste
951	5/6/21 4:35 PM	My yard is 200' x 800' and almost completely covered in trees. Having the ability to burn yard refuse is imperative for me. The road access is just 200'. It's unrealistic to drag leaves by and sticks from 800' away and pile them at the street. There isn't enough road space to pile all the waste that is produced. With my light being 200' x 800' . Even with just 6) inches of leaves ( which is probably less than I have, it would be 2,962 cubic yards of leaves. That's 185 16 yd. <sup>3</sup> trucks. Un-mulched of course. And that's just the 1 or 2 months in fall. That doesn't even include all the sticks that fall off the trees throughout the rest of the year.
952	5/6/21 4:59 PM	One of the reasons we choose the unincorporated area is due to less restrictions.
954	5/6/21 6:04 PM	I have a 1.62 acre lot an need the ability to burn landscape waste. Costs for landscape waste removal on top of already very high property taxes are cost prohibitive.
955	5/6/21 6:07 PM	No more restrictions to our freedom please.
957	5/6/21 7:57 PM	We chose to buy a home in unincorporated Lake County for larger property and the freedom to burn our yard waste. There are both pros and cons of


		<p>burning yard waste and disposing in designated bags. Considering the population of unincorporated Lake County is considerably smaller than incorporated Lake County, the cons are much smaller than the incorporated area when burning yard waste. The below link is an article by the Chicago Tribune on this topic. Please take the time to read through. Thank you.</p> <p><a href="https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1995-10-31-9510310255-story.html">https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1995-10-31-9510310255-story.html</a></p>
961	5/6/21 10:10 PM	<p>We have literally hundreds of dead northern ash trees on our acreage. While I can fell and use the tree itself for firewood, there is no other viable means of disposing of the branches. Additionally, we have wildflower meadows that require an annual burn for their health. We are NOT in favor of ANY burn restrictions. I say that as a lifelong asthmatic who has had ZERO problems with open burns...mine or any of my neighbors.</p>
962	5/6/21 11:05 PM	<p>Any property owner with acreage needs open burning. There is no economical alternative</p>
964	5/6/21 11:53 PM	<p>Please allow us to continue burning leaves and small brush when necessary.</p>
965	5/7/21 12:00 AM	<p>I do not feel that any additional restrictions should be placed on open burning. Only allowing open burning on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the day is too restrictive already! I only burn when the wind is out of the south so the smoke goes across the agricultural field behind (to the north of) my property, so as to not negatively affect anybody in my neighborhood ( they are all located south of me).</p> <p>My neighbor has already told me that he will just illegally dump his landscape waste anywhere he can. I'm concerned that he's not the only one who will do this. This behavior would have problematic consequences for property and business owners alike.</p> <p>There must be a better option instead of imposing additional restrictions on us all. Our county should not simply fall into step, imitating these surrounding areas, as if to say that they're superior and worthy of simulation. They're not.</p>
966	5/7/21 12:01 AM	<p>we have wooded property that requires fires. we are homeowners not "kegger party" fire people. we have oaks go down regularly at an alarming rate.we cannot expect you to pick up debris piles the size a chevy suburban every time big storms hit. with global warming and stronger storms my old growth oak trees are suffering.we clear out Buckthorn from the land that became invasive also. we dispose of this on the spot. the thorns make it impossible to handle. burning is a necessity . big piles of compost bring rats. thank you [REDACTED]</p>
967	5/7/21 12:13 AM	<p>Hey how bout you fuck off about this topic? Mind your own damn business. As a person of color who is very much a minority in my community of unincorporated Antioch, I don't need your oppressive white nonsense- if I wanted that I would live in Naperville. I don't need you meddling in my business. I didn't work my ass off as a plumber for 30 years cleaning up human feces, for yall to stick your shit policies on my residence. We don't live on the outskirts an hour away from civilization to have some old bitch to</p>

		tell us we need to stop burning things. Take your white privileged ass and piss the hell off. If you want to stop pollution how bout you tell the postmen to stop sending me junk mail.
974	5/7/21 12:36 PM	In my opinion I believe having a service pick up landscape waste will cause a burden to many residents because as of now people can take care of their landscape waste as needed and when it is convenient for them. I also believe this would take away the option of people using the ash and landscape waste as compost for gardening and so forth. Allowing residents to open burn is part of the reason this area is desirable!
979	5/7/21 2:33 PM	Do not put restrictions on open burning.
980	5/7/21 5:11 PM	Keep the government out of my choices! I pay VERY high property taxes and should be able to do what I want on MY PROPERTY!  "to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their residents through restrictions on open burning." .....just a bullshit way of big brother controlling the people!  How many more people need to leave Illinois before elected officials change there ways?
981	5/7/21 5:58 PM	Please don't ban burn. There is no way to dispose of the leafs and stumps that make sense
982	5/7/21 7:05 PM	We took an informal poll among 10 neighborhood households, and all 10 do not want to see any restrictions put into place. Everyone does their burning properly and safely, and only burns leaves and yardwaste - no plastic, rubber, or building material items. In the fall, the leaf burning often turns into a neighborhood/social event, too. Not a single household wants to restrict the burning in any way, and especially not designating specific days/times to burn. One person mentioned this exact topic is currently being discussed on the local NextDoor.com neighborhood website - with the overwhelming number of people wanted no restrictions put in place. No one I spoke to could envision a plan where a combined garbage/recycle/yardwaste collection system would save them any money either.
984	5/8/21 12:20 AM	Keep opening burning unrestricted, please. Refuse service is expensive enough.
985	5/8/21 1:05 AM	We are currently on a property with volume of trees. Raking in itself is an effort and having to bag those leaves would be added hardship.Landscape service is not an option. Also being on the water we significant debris easing ashore (especially after flooding) twigs, logs. dead fish that are disposed of in the fire pit.. We do not wish to see a restriction on open burning. It is not done in excess. It's primarily in the fall or early spring with cool temperatures and closed windows. It's also one of the major pluses of living in Lake County on more than a city lot.
986	5/8/21 11:11 AM	I live in a heavy wooded area. Open burn is a must!!!

987	5/8/21 11:15 AM	I have a lot next to me full of trees. We need open burn to keep it under control. My entire lot gets filled with leaves that takes hours to burn and would be too much work to bag it
988	5/8/21 11:51 AM	I have too much land, but under 5 acres. I will rethink my voting next time around if the current board members approve! Might just be another point on the long list of why do I still live here.
989	5/8/21 8:52 PM	I think we should be able to burn yard waste during the fall when the leaves die and fall off the trees. the trees shed their leaves at different cycles during the fall . the maples compared to oaks etcetera. Open burn one dar during the week and one day on the weekend .
990	5/9/21 12:59 AM	You should be more worried about neighbors shooting their grass all over the roads. Come on by East Loon Lake Sub division and see. Isn't that illegal? Then you have idiots that even burn the grass. Brush clippings, tree branches and leaves are not the issue, burning grass is way worse.
991	5/9/21 2:20 AM	Managing any property with trees is a tase that requires a the ability to constantly cleanup, as needed in a safe and responsible way.
992	5/9/21 2:33 AM	If the forest preserve can do a controlled burn, why can't unincorporated lake county open burn? The standards should be the same. If restrictions are set, I will be reconsidering my voting decisions.
994	5/9/21 12:29 PM	<p>It is an abomination to think that Lake County wants to provide MORE restrictions on those of us living in unincorporated areas. We live in "UNINCORPORATED" areas for a reason, to get away from the overregulated municipalities.</p> <p>I would like to remind you that you are already regulating open burning:  <a href="https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4571/Open-Burning-Regulations">https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4571/Open-Burning-Regulations</a>.</p> <p>Furthermore, it would be one thing if we lived on 1/4 acre in a subdivision, for those of us who live on farms, you cannot expect us to put landscape waste into a plastic bin. On our farm, we have 47 mature oak trees that lose limbs constantly and drop enough leaves in the fall to fill multiple semi truck beds.</p> <p>Finally, if you're going to restrict open burning for those of us in unincorporated areas, I expect that you will also stop all controlled burning in the forest preserves for which you are taxing us a ridiculous amount of money. In both situations, you are talking about something that happens very infrequently.</p>
998	5/9/21 6:04 PM	<p>Democrat want to control my healthcare, wages, vehicles, food, paycheck, guns, right to have children, religious, air travel, light bulbs, plastic straws and NOW my garage</p> <p>Stay out of MY life!</p> <p>Interesting you didn't include Wisconsin on this comparison as it is the CLOSEST to lake county.</p>

999	5/9/21 6:11 PM	I like a ban on burning leaves and plastic trash bags
1001	5/9/21 8:05 PM	I think this is a joke to may people trying to make stupid rules
1002	5/10/21 12:56 AM	Please do not ban or restrict open burning. This is what makes living in unincorporated areas more attractive!
1004	5/10/21 4:25 PM	I do not have leaves since I only have cedar trees. I have a lot of weeds that I burn usually only once or twice a year. I live on one acre.
1006	5/10/21 11:25 PM	In the unincorporated areas, there is numerous large trees. Most of us could not afford to pay for all the waste pick up required, as the price would be astronomical for the amount of waste removed. It is usually from an abundance of very large Oak, Maple, and many other trees. We even get charged if we want general recycling, adding to that would be an issue. In the Spring and Fall we would require pick up at least 3 times a week. We try to be responsible and have consideration for neighbors, only burning when others are not enjoying their time outside. Please continue the open burning in the township!!
1007	5/10/21 11:43 PM	We should not be restricting open burning.
1008	5/11/21 12:22 AM	We have ~2 acres with a significant amount of mature trees. We purchased the properties/land knowing we could burn leaves/sticks. With a ban put in place, this would be a huge unexpected financial and time burden. As for an option of a pick-up service, it may seem nice, but it is not realistic for us to bag the huge quantity of leaves and sticks we generate. My concern is that people in the incorporated areas will vote in favor of a ban, but they most likely do not understand the implications as they generally have smaller lots and purchased their property knowing they could not burn. It is also a concern of mine that a ban could impact property values. I suspect others may be discouraged from buying larger lots in unincorporated areas due to the added time and expense. If there are limited days to burn, this could make it difficult when weather is an added factor. The restrictions this past year have been challenging - burn days did not always line up with ideal burn conditions.
1009	5/11/21 1:36 AM	We would prefer to have open burning allowed on specific days as currently stated. Since we live in a wooded area it would be almost impossible to dispose of the quantity of leaves that fall. Mulching can only do so much. Also there is a great deal of trimming of branches that have to be dealt with. Most properties in our area are on an acre surrounded by dense woodlands and enjoy sitting around an open fire occasionally.
1010	5/11/21 2:12 AM	All of us neighbors in my area burn, not often but with many trees on our properties it is necessary. We are all very aware of winds and not disturbing other people with uninvited smoke. More regulation in a heavily regulated area is just inviting more of my neighbors to continue to move North of the state line and take their taxable income with. In a discussion with all the neighbors on my block we would like to see things left alone. By the tone of the opening statement, it does seem like there is true intent



		<p>to regulate more and hoping to blame it on resident demand and in turn C.Y.A. during repercussions for the wish list of KAREN based regulations to come.</p> <p>Regards,  </p>
1011	5/11/21 1:03 PM	<p>I live on 3 lots, with over 20 trees in unincorporated Antioch. It would not be feasible to pick up every leaf and branch that falls, then pay money for special bags and more money for special pick up service. I would probably need to have as many of them cut down as possible. That is what the “environmentalist” will accomplish everywhere. Congratulations to those “concerned citizens” who don’t think through how their good intentions might realistically impact the environment.</p>
1013	5/11/21 2:48 PM	<p>I live on a 1.5 acre parcel and have many trees (more than 50 trees). I pay a landscape service to remove my leaves 2X per year at great expense (more than \$2,000 annually). There is much tree trimming that I perform myself each year and I find open burning the only economical way to dealing with the large volume of tree branches that I must trim and dispose of each year. I want the option of open burning to remain available to me.</p>
1017	5/12/21 1:45 PM	<p>I do not burn leaves as I have the ability to spread my leaves on my property, however tree branches, trimming and small trees are usually burned unless I am using a service to remove a large tree I ask the service to remove the tree and it's waste.</p> <p>Perhaps a weekly leaf pickup service for a certain period of time may be desirable for some homeowners.</p>
1018	5/12/21 2:09 PM	<p>I think the current regulations are effective. I only burn leaves, not grass and the county should offer a free service to pick up leaves if burning is disallowed.</p>
1020	5/12/21 4:15 PM	<p>You've already okayed Marijuana in our area despite the majority not wanting it, please don't take this from us or add an additional cost to burning.</p>
1024	5/12/21 5:24 PM	<p>I burn sticks &amp; leaves on occasion, in a burning pit. If there are large branches my lawn guys take them. I have some neighbors who burn everything burnable, including remodeling materials, etc. in huge, stinky amounts. Also these fires can go on into the night, often unattended. I do not object to a contained bonfire. I have COPD &amp; find these large fires very irritating, especially as I need to stay in with the windows shut when this occurs. I would love to have an affordable service remove yard debris. I wonder how something like this would be enforced tho. Many people did not follow the Covid burn restrictions so how would you make this work?</p>
1026	5/12/21 5:37 PM	<p>I think we should have designated days in which a vacuum truck comes by and picks up all the leaves that the homeowners have raked to the street. This provides a consistent method that everyone can participate in. Keep it simple.</p>

1028	5/12/21 10:10 PM	I would like for the government to not get involved in what we do on our private property. Burning has been allowed for the 30 years I have lived in unincorporated Lake County and I would like to keep it that way.
1029	5/12/21 11:44 PM	Open burning is easy and efficient. The ashes are applied to garden/plants as fertilizer. Plus open burning is a reminder we live in the country. The further away from becoming city dwellers the better.
1032	5/13/21 2:22 AM	please don't stop open burning. large lot w/ many trees need to have the ability to burn
1033	5/13/21 10:51 AM	I am in favor of limited days. Limited times may exclude working people. I believe that the world cleans itself. What are we going to do? Are we going to spend trillions of dollars to set up studies and commissions to stop volcanoes from erupting?
1034	5/13/21 12:54 PM	I prefer no restrictions but if there were to be restrictions, they need to be reasonable days/times to accommodate people working away from the home; at least one day on the weekend needs to be included because after work may not be possible, especially when doing fall clean up and it starts getting dark earlier. Yard waste pick up is questionable for my situation (large property) as I'm not going to attempt stuffing it bags (mature trees make for big branches that can come down during storms). A container may work if large enough.
1035	5/13/21 1:05 PM	I live on the edge of a forest preserve. There are way too many leaves for me to bag.
1037	5/13/21 1:45 PM	Open burning is a cost effective way to dispose of yard waste. I researched the area before I moved into Lake County to make sure I could have open burning. I have asthma and I have lived in the neighborhood since 1997 with no ill effects. Due to the high taxes and if I have to pay to have yard waste taken away I would probably move out of Illinois. I'm living pay check to pay check as it is with the increased taxes.
1038	5/13/21 2:08 PM	It would be of a great inconvenience if they ban the open burning. I have an acre of land and the landscape waste disposal would cause much hardship for myself being a senior.
1040	5/14/21 1:31 AM	I live in an established subdivision with literally hundreds of trees. To have to pay for lawn waste is truly cost prohibitive. Last fall alone I filled up my lawn sweeper 50 gallon bag well over 10 times. As an older adult with limited resources banning open burning and forcing a payment system in place will make owning my home more difficult.
1041	5/14/21 1:05 PM	We don't want cost's charged to us when we can burn.
1042	5/14/21 2:55 PM	I have lived in my home over 30 years and have been burning every piece of mail that has my name and address on it along with yard waste. I have two parcels of land and I have a lot of yard waste. If I couldn't burn I'm not sure what I would do.
1043	5/14/21 3:36 PM	In unincorporated we have way too many trees/leaves for bagging. Most people do not abuse this privilege. As a homeowner with a lot of mature trees we are providing fresh air with our mature trees. We enjoy the country environment with summer bonfires. A huge reason why I purchased a hime in unincorporated Lake County!

1044	5/14/21 3:46 PM	Sounds like another politician is in bed with a disposal company
1045	5/14/21 3:48 PM	Leave open burning alone. We get everything taken away from us. Just let us keep open burning.
1047	5/14/21 9:37 PM	I live in unincorporated area for a reason. I don't want the restrictions of living within a city limits. Lake county doesn't offer me simple water or sewer service so keep out of my garbage and burning of my leaves
1048	5/15/21 1:16 AM	I like my freedom of open burning. It's doesn't hurt no one and I just burn leaves and discarded sticks. I reject paying for my yard waste to be picked up. I have a 1/4 of an acre and can not afford and do not want to pay for yard waste that they are going to burn at corporate cost. I am adult and can take care of my property myself and should have that freedom
1049	5/15/21 6:55 PM	I prefer there NOT be a ban on open burning except for size and location of the burn as well as burns during day time hours and low wind situations. I reviewed a few of the other county restrictions and do not like McHenry County's 100' from a structure as it is too strict. I also think Kane County's 20' from a structure is too lenient. I live in a subdivision of ~1 acre lots where 30' would suffice for most of my neighborhood. Neighborhoods that have 0.25 acre lots should not allow open burning although I assume these neighborhoods are likely not unincorporated. Thank you for allowing for people to provide input and to send the yellow card that I got in the mail.
1050	5/16/21 1:52 PM	we only burn leaves, sticks, branches. we are very observant of others if they are out and having gatherings. we usual burn at night when no one is out and about in their yards. Maybe if you are going to have a certain size the owners can get permission or "permit" for that day. there is no way we could haul the brush and that to the street from our back yard.
1054	5/17/21 2:58 PM	I have over 5 acres of property. Being able to burn trimmed tree branches etc is important to me.
1055	5/17/21 3:09 PM	We have 10 acres on which we burn our landscape waste. We are senior citizens and to suggest that we need to use a service to remove this waste would be a hardship on us as far as bagging or whatever method you would require for landscape waste pickup. This is an infringement on our freedom.
1056	5/17/21 4:30 PM	We do burn leaves and branches from our yard as the garbage hauler won't take it. It is nice to be able to burn it, but our neighborhood does get quite smoky especially in the fall. I see people burning all hours of the day and night.
1058	5/17/21 7:48 PM	I only burn on days where there is little or no wind as I have residences on all four sides of my property and I try to be a good neighbor. If I could only burn on a given day there is a possibility the pile would get too large to burn due to wind conditions
1059	5/17/21 8:58 PM	Stop restricting more and more things! Keep lake county the way it is.
1060	5/17/21 9:40 PM	Part of the reason people choose to live in unincorporated areas is because there are less rules. Please do not pass unnecessary laws. The system is working fine as is.

1061	5/17/21 9:46 PM	In addition to my property, I take care of approx and additional two acres of land deeded as conservancy. Without the ability to burn, it is extremely difficult to maintain the natural prairie setting and control invasive species (e. g. garlic mustard, teasel). Lake County needs to decide what their objectives are.
1062	5/18/21 2:49 AM	I would prefer to bag and haul leaves to the curb, but if we keep open burning I would prefer guidelines on how best to burn leaves so as to not cause so much smoke. My neighbor tipped me off on the best way when I moved in. Burn in a barrel, provide plenty of air flow, keep the leaves dry, feed it slowly, don't snuff it out. I would discourage burning leaves in a pile on the lawn all at once.
1063	5/18/21 3:48 PM	I do believe that day restrictions work well. I also believe the county should use blackout periods when fire risk is elevated. Maybe use text alerts. I also believe that you may want to restrict burning to certain size properties or having fires a certain distance from buildings.
1067	5/19/21 2:31 PM	Properties greater than 1 acre should not have any restrictions. Limiting to specific days or times is not an effective solution....what does it mitigate? Is Covid the reason? The Covid crisis is not applicable to outside activity....per CDC. Seems to us this proposed restriction is an over reaction to appease a very few and creating a burden for many.
1068	5/19/21 5:21 PM	keep open burning
1069	5/19/21 7:00 PM	<p>If you stop people from burning "Grass" lawn clippings you would see an improvement in air quality. This smoke just sits on the ground and does not dissipate quickly and smells the worst....no burning of grass clippings....period Wood and leaves if burned the right way...well they burn fast.</p> <p>For those of us that live on large plots of land and many trees...it's impossible to do anything other than burn. Why is it now that burning is now the BAD GUY!!!!</p> <p>So, to stop this burning all together for unincorporated lake county.... is insane thinking. What you will see is a huge increase in the dumping of this matter along rural roads in the unincorporated areas of lake county....for sure!!!</p> <p>There is more auto and truck air pollution on a daily basis than any amount of leaf and wood burning in unincorporated lake County!!!!</p> <p>Dont see the County Board stopping and one from driving a car or truck that has a larger impact on breathable air quality!!!!</p>
1070	5/19/21 8:48 PM	Don't change things just to change things! We are happy with the way things are!
1071	5/20/21 1:33 AM	I do not have an issue with landscape waste burning and think it can continue as is currently set up. There are several reasons to allow burning, including diseased plant material that should not be composted. If

		landscape disposal service is available, it should not be only at certain times of the year. When you have a large yard and vegetable gardens, the waste material can pile up quickly. I am in area with approx. 1 acre yards, so many of us have gardens. I do use the township for branch pickup, but it does not have a way to pickup trimmings from bushes, so that also gets burned.
1073	5/20/21 11:20 PM	I think the township should haul away yard waste
1074	5/21/21 11:44 PM	Burn leaves only in the fall. NO BURNING OF GRASS CLIPPINGS !! Leaf burning on a specified day or time would be O.K. Burning of twigs and small branches acceptable .NO burning of lumber waste or garbage Fire pits or small bonfires O.K. Mulch your lawn waste or pay to have it removed.
1075	5/22/21 1:04 PM	We live on 1 acre of land surrounded on 3 sides by heavy woods of vacant property, we always have tree limbs falling on our property during wind & rain storms. It would be very difficult & hardship on us older seniors to have cut up limbs to be hauled away by a service. We use all precautions when burning our landscape waste. We have large burn pit surrounded with 3' high stones in our back yard, the smoke does not effect any neighbors since our acre of property is in surrounded by woods.
1076	5/22/21 9:02 PM	we have heavily wooded properties and we have allot of leaves and branches and logs that consistently need to be maintained and the only way to keep up is to burn. We have allot of ash and elm trees that have died. All our neighbors burn for years and have never had an issue. Please let us continue to burn
1077	5/23/21 12:15 AM	I am against all restrictions. Living in a township and on property that is a couple acres plus, that is heavily wooded, gives me a little more freedom to do the necessary work to keep the property up. I do some mulching leaves and burn some in the fall. When storms come through there is usually sticks and branches that fall and I burn those after clean up. I also like to have pit fires throughout the year with and without the grand kids. Nothing like sitting around a fire in the back yard especially in the fall. My choice of garbage pick up saved me money because of my choice to pick from 3 services. Saved money on senior discount and with that is removal of large items at no additional cost.  Sorry for my rant. but the most feared words are " Hi, I'm with the government and I'm here to help" Regards ██████████
1081	5/25/21 1:46 AM	Many people in unincorporated lake county have larger properties with an abundance of landscape waste and the ability to burn is the only viable option for ridding landscape waste. The landscape waste we're referring to are not grass clippings but tree branches and fallen trees from time to time.
1082	5/25/21 9:19 PM	I have two acres with 3 dozen mature trees with nowhere to put yard waste. I am opposed to a burning ban. In addition, a govt. run waste haul will now or eventually cost more than private competition. Govt. run entities are ALWAYS inefficient, waste money and cost more.
1084	5/27/21 7:43 PM	I currently live on a one acre parcel. The lot contains forty trees that are mostly oak and maple. The lot is 300 ft and very sloping. It takes me 3-4 days

		a week from middle of October to second week of November to accomplish this task. I'm 65 years old and can't imagine not being able to burn. All my neighbors burn as well. I did think the restrictions applied last year were workable if it didn't rain on designated day. If it does rain on designated day, the next dry day should be allowed.
1085	5/27/21 10:08 PM	If you are looking for input on open burning, I would think you would try to send notice to the people it would affect. I was told about this from a friend. I have talked to five other people who have not heard anything about this.  Sad to see more rules and regulations from a incompetent government department. Why don't you try getting our property taxes lowered.
1086	5/28/21 9:03 PM	We have so many trees on our property that it would be impossible to bag all the leaves and expensive for a landscaper to remove. We need to burn them. Designated days is fine in case of inclement weather.
1087	5/29/21 12:18 AM	Although I open burn, I do it responsibly. I ONLY burn what is generated from my own property. I burn when there is NO chance of the fire escaping. I ALWAYS have a water hose available for any possible contingency. I only burn DRY material as to not create an excessive amount of smoke. I burn only when weather conditions dictate other nearby residents will NOT have their windows open. Fires are out at sundown. I burn no more than 4 times a year, often less.
1088	5/29/21 3:53 PM	Seems like Lake County can't leave anything alone.
1089	5/29/21 4:00 PM	we have 4 acres, partially wooded, and must burn downed trees and yard waste to keep the property safe. Would not be feasible to pay for services to haul away the trees/waste, or compost more than leaves. this would create a huge practical and financial burden for our family.
1090	5/30/21 1:09 AM	Education is key to keeping everyone safe. Educate those with the ability to burn. Require the village or township to host duo virtual/in person burn course requiring renters and homeowners to enroll and take every year- after competing course provide them with a burn "permit" for the unincorporated residence that they must display one of their front windows at the residence. If they dont complete the course, they should be prohibited from burning by receiving a "red notice" in the mail.
1091	5/30/21 4:17 PM	In my 36 years of annual subdivision meetings, complaint about open burning has never been an issue. There have been however many complaints about other issues; i.e. constant deployment of large fireworks and explosives; excessive engine noise, yelling and lawlessness on the chain of lakes; no police presense, and other issues
1092	6/1/21 3:46 PM	Less regulations and more freedom
1094	6/5/21 7:32 PM	In my area of Antioch township ( [REDACTED] ) most residents have fire pits and are responsible and courteous with their burning. I've lived in the area for 12 years and find open burning very convenient for maintaining a large property as opposed to yard waste

		collection where I'd imagine I'd spend literally hours cutting to size and bundling yard waste for collection.
1095	6/10/21 4:21 PM	Bagging landscape waste and falling leaves will be a difficult process for senior citizens. Having a waste hauler suck up leaves in the fall is a viable option.
1096	6/10/21 7:18 PM	Getting the stamps and/or bags is the biggest hassle and main reason I would not want a service for landscape waste.
1097	6/11/21 6:35 PM	I do not want managed services of any type that I am forced to use (not garbage, not recycle, not landscape waste).  I disagree with any ban on open burning. This was supposed to be temporary. It is one of the reasons residents live in unincorporated areas. Also, why does government have to be involved? Why can't neighborhoods work these things out themselves? If it's that big of an issue, someone should move.
1098	6/12/21 11:26 PM	Nine very large trees on a one acre property, leaves are a big issue, plus wind. I would gladly pay for leaf pickup. The rumor is the collected leaves are taken to the lake and burned.
1100	6/15/21 6:57 PM	If there will be restrictions on days/times that burning is allowed it needs to be enforced. I have multiple neighbors that never adhered to the previous burning restrictions during the last year. There is nothing worse then having your neighbors start burning wet leaves on a beautiful day when you have your windows open and/or are working outside.
1101	6/19/21 2:02 AM	Our biggest concern is cost to the residents.  Will Lake County all be prevented from open burns at forest preserves?
1102	6/22/21 6:34 PM	Perhaps there can be better coordination with the various waste haulers that provide service to unincorporated Lake County to better communicate or advertise what landscape waste services they may provide. A site where you can type in your address and learn your options. For example, I've used Lakes Disposal since 2015 and at the time they did not offer landscape waste service. I received Linda Pedersen's yellow post card in the mail and that triggered me to look again and turns out Lakes does now provide service but I had to call and be walked through my options. Had I known sooner I probably would have started service sooner. That being said, even when I called, Lakes had several options which I now wish they would detail a bit more clearly on their website because there were choices between seasonal price or by the bag but there was a \$20 minimum per pick up, or you could use your own can but then there were limits on the type and size of can, etc., etc.
1104	7/2/21 5:05 PM	If people want regulations they need to move into town. We moved out in the middle of nowhere to not be bothered. Stop trying to act like we live in town.
1107	7/2/21 6:02 PM	Forcing people to pay for services that they currently do not need to pay for is unethical, especially when we've been forced out of work due to lock downs and restrictions. I cannot afford to pay yet another bill and I shouldn't be banned/punished for trying to keep my yard looking nice. If I cannot

		dispose of my landscape waste by burning it, perhaps I just let my yard become overgrown and look terrible.
1108	7/2/21 6:22 PM	If Lake County opts to continue limiting open burning, perhaps limit it to properties that are smaller than one acre.
1110	7/3/21 4:45 PM	Some of us that live in unincorporated Lake County do not have the funds that you people on the board have to pay for this kind of stuff. We live on fixed incomes and moved here years ago to get away from all the city regulations. I for one am fed up with the dictatorship that you feel the need to put on us. If people moved into the unincorporated areas that have open burn, then they should have to live with it, or move. I feel you should allow the unincorporated areas to vote for their areas. That would end this stupid topic. Most of us enjoy having the freedom to burn and will vote you out come election time if you continue on this escapade. Please let the unincorporated areas vote for their areas, and do not clump us all into one. We all know that, that isn't fair to anyone. So, please, stop trying to change our way of living to fit theirs and/or yours.
1113	7/6/21 12:06 PM	We have 10 maple and oak trees that are well beyond the age of 100 on an acre lot. The amount of leaves dropped in the fall would literally fill a semi trailer. It costs hundreds of dollars for a landscaper to haul the volume of leaves away, so we burn leaves two or three times in October and November. I am cautious about the environment, however, the gas equipment/vehicle exhaust and heavy trucks traveling on the roads is just as harmful as burning leaves. The landscape material is transported to another facility that uses more fuel and/or electricity. There are additional problems with a burning ban; no doubt some people will just dump leaves on a side road or empty lot, causing more problems.
1115	7/7/21 5:11 PM	We only burn leaves\sticks in the fall. If a ban is put on day\time it could impact the ability to burn when there is no wind if the no wind days did not happen during the "approved" day\time. We don't use a landscape company - who contribute greatly to the noise and air pollution (gas leave blowers). Where is the "ban" on the excessive amount of landscaping companies being used daily? The pollution they consistently expel daily is more than the few sporadic piles of leaves\sticks being burned.
1116	7/7/21 9:05 PM	If the county does away with open burning there is going to be a cost to the home owner. We are currently paying some the highest property tax in the country. The cost of living is going up every day, just look at the cost of gas. The 4 cent tax that was just imposed is an example. I am retired and on a fixed income. Will you provide free services for EVERYONE on a fixed income? My wife likes to garden and we have a number of trees on our property. There are no home within 500 ft of where I burn and I always ensure that the wind blows the smoke away from the other homes that are in the area. NO RESTRICTIONS.
1118	7/8/21 2:34 PM	I choose to live in unincorporated area because I don't want all these restrictions. If I wanted to have someone tell me what to do and how to live my life, I would choose to live in a town. If this can be done without raising



		my taxes or force me to use a waste hauler I don't I want, then you can have your ban.
1119	7/8/21 6:27 PM	I live in unincorporated grant township on a half acre lot .I burn in a burning barrel on my lot at most six times a year. I have no trees on my lot yet all yard waste is generated comes from other properties and an unkept R.O.W. If you are concerned about the health of residents you should ban all burning including burning of homes by fire departments also lake co forest preserves that not only pollutes the air but pollutes the water by the discharge of pine tar and other chemicals into the watershed .
1121	7/9/21 2:42 AM	With over a hundred tress including oak, black walnut and shagbark hickory covering the 1 acre (not 5) we own, there is no way we could bag or haul to the street the amount of leaves that fall in Autumn. It would literally be impossible. And a service is more than we could ever afford. If you don't allow burning, it will be cheaper to have the trees cut down. None of us want that.
1122	7/9/21 11:28 AM	People need to get a life and not move into the area just to change things.
1124	7/9/21 1:42 PM	I prefer to be able to burn leaves and tree limbs that have fallen
1125	7/9/21 1:53 PM	Keep open burning.
1126	7/9/21 6:27 PM	NO RESTRICTIONS on open burning, please!
1128	7/10/21 11:16 PM	A great many of us have moved to unincorporated Lake County to escape the Onerous restrictions placed upon us by local governments. We would like to be able to tend to our land, our yard waste, our fires, our animals, and our compost piles as we see fit. We also don't want/need the county selecting or 'providing' waste hauling services for our community. The free market provides us many options for waste hauling services at reasonable prices without the need of county intervention. We pay a fortune in county taxes, for the 'privilege' of being able to live in our homes. When those of you at the county set up 'county teams' as you call them to discuss matters related to us the citizens, (that pay your salaries every year), we would like you instead to discuss ways that you could reduce the size and scope of your local ordinances and laws on the citizens of Lake County so that we the people can have the freedom to live our lives the way we wish on our properties.
1129	7/11/21 1:47 AM	We have a large property and we absolutely need to burn fallen trees, excetera!
1130	7/12/21 2:22 PM	Please keep open burning.
1132	7/12/21 3:46 PM	If a ban is instituted, I hope it includes the Forest Preserve also!!! What's good for the goose is good for the gander!
1133	7/12/21 8:26 PM	Waste/recycling \$20/month INCLUDING unlimited FREE landscape waste of tree branches, saplings, hedge trimmings and weeds & over 200 bags of leaves in the fall that blow from the 20 oaks in the park across the street. We can't afford to pay more than \$0 more.

		<p>I have chronic health issues, but don't care if neighbors burn. I just stay inside. Many like us don't have high wage work from home jobs with endless disposable income. Many like us are victims of low wage layoffs or live on fixed incomes.</p> <p>I don't like the current 3 day restrictions. We have wind, rain and drought as other factors, which may leave only 1 reasonable day to burn per month. We currently have a gigantic pile from just last week alone waiting for a good day to burn.</p> <p>Your video looks more like manicured high cost homes in incorporated areas. I don't know of a single home in Venetian Village that has a neat and manicured lawn with only a bag or 2 of leaves. There are trees as far as the eye can see. Keep open burning.</p>
1135	7/13/21 6:54 PM	Leave us alone we bought in unincorporated on purpose to avoid this type of overreach m
1136	7/13/21 8:03 PM	Unincorporated for a reason. No further regulation is acceptable
1137	7/13/21 10:58 PM	<p>I was at the 3 meetings 20 years ago by the lk Co. Health dept, and the meeting ended with no restriction. There was no evidence of health reasons . The cost to retirees on fixed income can not be passed to have leaves picked up. With the number of leaves from neighbors oak tree back then figured to cost \$3000. Not affordable.</p> <p>If the reason is inconvenience my solution is to have health dept provide purple signs for those households with health issues. If wind is blowing that direction then neighbor can wait till better conditions.</p> <p>I believe in climate change but this allowing of burning will not impact our planet.</p>
1141	7/16/21 1:28 AM	Since Covid restrictions were implemented, the air is cleaner. Keeping to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday works perfect. If not allowed, people will be dumping where they shouldn't like on sides of road and in forest preserves. People can't afford additional costs to hauling away from a service.
1142	7/18/21 10:50 PM	There is no need to restrict open burning. It is a solution in search of a problem. We don't need more regulations just for regulations sake.
1143	7/19/21 5:47 PM	Understanding leaf burning is an issue, some tighter regulation is needed for leaves. If burning restrictions impact woody debris burning this is not supported. In clearing buckthorn or other invasive material burning is ideal. If this is banned good luck controlling invasive species. I'll just leave them vs chopping the pieces small enough for a hauler to carry. Who's got money or time to meet absurd policy of plant disposal to private haulers. If PW or other dept will chip material based on citizen requests then great, if taxes increase or more homeowner cost for disposal then no support.
1144	7/20/21 8:51 PM	One of the reasons I live in unincorporated LC is to be less restricted. I truly do not want any more expense on my property.

1148	4/26/21 5:44 PM	I have asthma, whenever there is burning it is harder to breathe. It contributes to air pollution, it needs to be banned if we're concerned about clean air and greener lifestyle
1150	4/29/21 2:27 AM	Please please please stop people from burning landscaping waste. It is a horrible practice and needs to stop.
1152	5/19/21 7:54 PM	Burning of landscape items and even waste that should not be done this way harms the environment, it pollutes the air. Our ozone layer is taking a hit and we need to stop it to help our children and their children. Take the trees that are burned and have a way to make chips out of them and offer them as a mulch or for playgrounds. Leaves and grass clippings can be used as compost.
1153	7/2/21 10:16 PM	Many people who live all around Diamond Lake Lakefront especially on Oakdale burn their yard waste in the streets and it runs into the lake, I dont think anyone should be burning anything who lives close to people and pets. This has gone on for years around here. Its bad to breathe in and its terrible for the environment.
1154	4/26/21 5:24 PM	When I moved out here (October of 2015) I was appalled at the pollution!!! When the stink starts I keep my windows closed and my air conditioning on.
1156	4/26/21 6:39 PM	Please ban burning in unincorporated lake villa
1158	4/26/21 7:20 PM	Landscape companies are dumping and burning all of their material directly next to residential homes that are IN the Village limits, this is causing severe health issues, especially now during the Pandemic it has been even worse and needs to stop. The pollution and residents health should be a priority.
1159	4/27/21 12:34 AM	Laws are great when they are enforced. The problem is that with the temporary burn ban during COVID, enforcement required a neighbor to complain. Having neighbor vs. neighbor is a terrible idea and bound to cause more problems than it is worth. I will only support a burn ban that is enforced via LCSO patrols, or code enforcement patrols. Also, bagging leaves is not going to happen. Putting leaves in the ditch / at the curb for vacuum collection is the only way people will conform.
1162	4/27/21 5:47 AM	I don't think any burning is ok. It pollutes the air and makes it hard to breathe. It's also a potential safety issue and should be banned!
1164	4/27/21 7:43 PM	Don't we have enough regulations already? Limiting open burning is a solution in search of a problem (there isn't any). Please NO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS, especially about open burning.
1166	4/28/21 12:30 AM	Open burning is a known health hazard. It should be completely banned.
1167	4/28/21 1:36 AM	Unincorporated West Miltmore is horrible for burning whenever some of the residents feel like it. There is bullying on the fb group page if anyone complains about it or just about anything that shouldn't be done. Many evenings/days the windows can not be opened because the smell from the smoldering fire from the neighbor's burning now makes the inside of my house SMELL LIKE A CAMPFIRE!!! It is a disgusting lingering smell, forcing to use AC when open windows would be nicer. Please enforce, ENFORCE is the key word for this unincorporated neighborhood, the banning of burning, period.

1168	4/28/21 3:41 AM	I am sensitive to smoke and it affects my breathing and allergies even when a neighbor two blocks away in our wooded subdivision is burning landscape waste. It makes a lot of difference to burn waste in an open field compared to in a closed in wooded or other closed in areas where the smoke is trapped more. I can't enjoy my own yard when people are burning and they always seem to be doing it when I need to be outside. People need to mulch the debris and leave it onsite or we need a county-wide or township-wide way of disposing of the landscape debris. Our landscaper takes care of our debris removal because our waste hauler does not accept landscape debris and they are generating and cleaning up our landscape debris anyway.
1169	4/28/21 2:26 PM	As a respiratory therapist, I am totally in favor of banning the open burning of leaves. I am sensitive to the cost and that many people cannot afford an increase. I would like to see a service that goes around and sucks up the leaves at no additional cost.
1170	4/28/21 8:34 PM	I prefer to see restrictions on the burning of landscape waste. I would like to see the County pick up for the residents in unincorporated areas if placed in the street. People now take advantage of the open burning -burning at all hours, days and other items not landscape related. If you provide a service that wouldn't cost the residents any costs, you would most likely get more cooperation than banning totally. We need to take in account residents with breathing issues like Asthma when voting on this issue. I don't think that there should be any restrictions on backyard social bonfires etc.
1171	4/28/21 8:39 PM	Don't hurt people with Respiratory difficulties, stop burning.
1172	4/28/21 9:07 PM	As I suffer from COPD, I would like to see only certain days and certain times of the day for burning. I do like to open my windows and cannot do that if everyone is burning everyday. All this would have to be enforced through penalty of some sort if caught doing it during times and days they are NOT to burn.
1175	4/30/21 12:24 PM	15 years in unincorporated Libertyville and every beautiful day gets ruined because some neighbor decides to burn their leaves and as a result we can't leave our windows open. I'd support this restriction completely. Our subdivision used to pay to vacuum leaves up a few times in the fall, but it became cost prohibitive. It was a great service because you didn't even have to bag the leaves, just get them swept to your curb. Maybe not the tidiest approach, but we were happy w it and sad to see it stopped.
1176	4/30/21 1:58 PM	Please please please ban burning of waste. My neighbors burn their leaves for weeks on end. We've become a prisoner in our own home. The kids can't play outside- we have to drive into town to play at the park. One night it became hard to breathe and I had to beg them to stop burning and we considered going to stay the night at a hotel. It's like someone coming in your house to smoke. You simply can't escape it. And there really is no good reason to allow it - significant amount of data now points to the negative implications on our environment and health- in addition to the significant impact on our quality of life. We feel lucky we don't have asthma but after being forced to smell burning leaves for the past 4 years since moving here I

		can understand what it's like to live with asthma. Please do the right thing and ban burning of leaves and landscape waste.
1182	5/5/21 2:32 PM	Most people burn because they don't want to pay to have their yard waste hauled away. Burning is terrible for the environment AND the health of residents. My allergies and asthma are severely impacted by residents who burn. According to the EPA, burning leaves in an open area "produces particulate matter and hydrocarbons which contain a number of toxic, irritant, and carcinogenic (cancer causing) compounds." Many people do not follow the rules for burning - e.g. specific number of feet from roadways - often burning close to the road and near cars, not watching the fire until it burns out, not having a water source available, and not notifying the fire department that they plan to burn. After presenting the hazards to my association board, I learned that we continue this dangerous practice because we don't want to anger people... while the concerns of those of us who understand the risks and suffer from health issues seem not to matter.
1183	5/5/21 10:27 PM	All the members of our family suffer severe asthma, any kind of burning is a problem. We are under severe drought conditions, any burning on the edge of the woods is dangerous to life and homes. Please ban all burning throughout Lake County.
1185	5/6/21 3:07 PM	Thank you for looking to make a change with burning. Being a person with asthma and high allergies, there are countless days when I cannot come out of the house because neighbors are burning and I can't breathe. Even with all my windows and doors closed it permeates into the house. Firepits are also a big problem.
1190	5/8/21 8:47 PM	I moved out here from Chicago in October of 2015. I was appalled to see that this polluting practice still existed!! When my neighbors start burning I close up my house and put on my air conditioning if I have to.
1192	5/12/21 3:41 PM	Burning in neighborhoods should not be allowed. I don't enjoy my house smelling like smoke because if neighbors burning.
1194	5/13/21 1:44 AM	The problem with open burning of landscape waste in my neighborhood is that people burn construction waste and garbage. Burning leaves in the fall during a limited time period is fine with me but year round burn whatever you want isn't.
1195	6/7/21 9:33 PM	I would not want to restrict fires of hardwoods in a protected fire pit
1196	7/3/21 3:38 PM	I have horrible allergies and any open burning causes major breathing issues for me. Many times I observe fires burning out of control with nobody keeping an eye on it. We are in an extreme drought which is why there should be no open burning.
1197	7/9/21 3:08 PM	Please ban open burning completely. I live in a neighborhood of extremely close homes. On nice fresh air days you can not open windows because everyone is burning and the smokes fills the home. It makes it hard to breathe not just for me but for my children. We don't like to even play outside. I end up always keeping the windows closed because of the smoke. It is not safe or healthy for people to be forced to breathe in the toxins created by what ever people are choosing to burn. Please ban as fresh air and play outside is so much better for families and the community.

1198	4/26/21 5:50 PM	I prefer NO restrictions on the open burning of landscape waste. You didn't bother to include that option.
1199	4/26/21 6:56 PM	brush and leaves are already picked up free from township. No changes. Burning should not be allowed except bonfires. Free road side pickup is offered, people burning stuff is stupid, and ruins beautiful days and clean air! Bonfires for social purposes should be allowed.
1200	4/26/21 7:06 PM	I would love to see an ordinance against all burning, but it won't work because people in unincorporated areas will burn anyway. Lake county has an extremely poor track record of enforcing its current ordinances. From the health department and septic fields to county inspections for junk and debris enforcement is none existent! Who is going to enforce these ordinances? The sheriff's department? They are understaffed as it is! I have had past experiences with your inspectors and tried to contact people at your office, nothing was ever resolved. Tom Weber would get the ball rolling but then you're people would drop the ball. I gave up and don't wish to contact Mr. Barr because I would get the same results from county personnel THANKS FOR THE SURVEY. AT LEAST YOUR KIND OF COMMUNICATING
1203	4/29/21 12:39 PM	I think we should be allowed to burn small branches and twigs in our burn pits for evening enjoyment. No kitchen garbage should be allowed in burn pits. I feel that the township should task the trash hauler to pick up leaves on trash days also just like the village of lake villa does. Some lots have lots of leaves that are burned to get rid of them. Bagging them in small brown bags would be a nightmare. Besides I like the smell of burnt wood and leaves.
1204	5/3/21 8:52 PM	My fiancée and three of our five children have asthma, and one of the worst triggers is smoke. In addition, the smell of others burning landscape waste seeps into our home and is hard to eliminate. We have already had to replace carpet because of the smell. We'd love to have our windows open to enjoy fresh air, but can't because more often than not, someone nearby is burning landscape waste. Please, please ban the practice. We cannot be the only ones who feel this way or are negatively impacted by smoke. Thank you for allowing us to have our say.
1205	5/7/21 1:41 PM	My neighbor behind me burns and it's terrible. On a nice day we have to close all windows and the smoke still seeps into the house. It smolders for hours. I mulch my grass and buy stickers to pick up my landscape waste. Why must a small area of land owners be allowed to burn when it's illegal for the health of others in most of Lake County. Why doesn't our health matter?
1206	5/12/21 11:35 PM	We are very courteous to our neighbors. Don't burn when windy or if they're outside. Small burning piles. Mostly use the township pickup.
1207	5/25/21 4:29 PM	The duplication of disposal for chemical based items adding a charge of \$5 to our refuse bills was a poor decision. SWALCO services existed then & now, and provide ample ability & ease to dispose of chemical items. Adding service that requires what the \$5 charged service called for, and the resulting community uproar about this poor decision, was very bad planning and the community concern was ignored. BTW, the justification for initiating

		<p>the service was ridiculous, unfounded, and ultimately, ineffective.</p> <p>Suggestion: perhaps encourage those who burn to attempt to do it when weather is less favorable, when possible. Seems as though the first beautiful day is often filled with smoke. Best to provide common sense terms such as 'must be 10+ feet away from fences, etc.' May not burn treated wood (as it burns at a much higher temp. and puts off toxins). A process to report someone outside the lines of compliance, and then a resulting fee is someone does not stay within guidelines.</p>
1209	5/31/21 2:29 AM	<p>Subdivisions in unincorporated areas should not allow burning. We are no different than a city area. And, hopefully. when it is stopped, it needs to be enforced. A while back it was stopped for a short time and some people continued to burn. nothing was done when it was reported.</p>
1212	7/13/21 8:32 PM	<p>People specifically move to unincorporated areas for the freedom and benefits associated. Blocking individuals from being able to burn yard waste occasionally should not be allowed unless a free service is provided. Will this impact backyard fire pits as well? Don't punish responsible individuals for the irresponsibility of others. Hold them accountable in an individual basis if they abuse the process.</p>
1215	4/26/21 5:47 PM	<p>Thank you for offering this survey. I would also like to see the County and or townships offering public dropoff options for yard waste and food waste (free or pay as you throw).</p>
1216	4/26/21 7:35 PM	<p>Good Afternoon, my son suffers from asthma. During the time of year when leaf burning is most prevalent, his breathing is very difficult and he must stay indoors. Over the years we have had many trips to the emergency room for asthma related issues. Restricting the amount of burning would significantly improve his quality of life. I believe an individuals ability to breath clean air and burning waste restricts his ability to breath. Thank you for restricting burning during this COVID pandemic, I hope this restriction continues. My son has a right to breath! [REDACTED]</p>
1218	4/26/21 11:00 PM	<p>We here in Ingleside IL in lake county are sick and tired of the open burning. Neighbors are inconsiderate and burn so that it is a health issue.</p> <p>Soot and ashes are everywhere.</p> <p>PLEASE put a stop to the open burning.</p>
1219	4/26/21 11:03 PM	<p>We have neighbors that burn constantly. They burn fresh clippings and we can't open our windows. We get soot and ashes all over our cars. We are looking to move did that reason only. My son can rarely come to my house because he has asthma and it makes him sick. I hate all of this burning around my house where I can rarely enjoy fresh air.</p>
1221	4/27/21 11:02 AM	<p>Please ban open burning in unincorporated lake county</p>
1224	4/27/21 1:45 PM	<p>A neighbor across the street from us keeps a burn pile near his street frontage that he allows other neighbors to add to. It is unsightly and generates a lot of smoke when he burns .</p>
1226	4/27/21 2:15 PM	<p>During the peak times of the year which are spring and fall, I have an added need which is very urgent. I use Waste Mgmt. yard waste service and am</p>

		<p>allowed only four garbage cans per weekly visit. at these times of the year I need a pickup of four cans at least three times per week minimum especially in the fall of the year. This is very critical for my property which is about an acre in size but this property abuts to a forest easement which provides me with many leaves and tree debris that needs to be hauled away. During non peak periods of the year I do not need this service. For my situation it is very crucial due to the over abundance of tree debris. I mulch all of my grass clippings so that it not an issue. Please note that your third question above asks for only one answer to the question of my preferred method of disposal and skews and will provide inaccurate results to this survey. I use a private waste hauling method for yard waste and burn the excess yard waste. Thank You.</p>
1229	4/27/21 9:42 PM	<p>Iam totally against any form of restrictions or ban on open burning. I do have landscap disposal service but I want the option of burning should it become necessary.</p>
1230	4/27/21 11:53 PM	<p>I would like to see a total ban of landscape waste burning in addition to some restrictions on how close a fire pit can be to existing structures along with a clear definition of what is considered fire wood. This information should be mailed to all residents.</p> <p>Due to the distance between our houses and the location of my neighbor's fire pit the smoke is usually thick and envelops the area between my house and garage to the point where I have to turn on the exhaust fans in the kitchen and sometimes the bathroom to avoid having the smoke fill my house. My wife has asthma and I have told my neighbors this several times and they do not seem to care. I also have to keep the windows up in both of my cars, in my garage, to avoid them being filled with smoke.</p> <p>Nearly all of the bonfires are started with cardboard or paper that is smoky and filled with ash. Most of the time the fire pit is not covered up afterwards and just smolders. The cover should fully extinguish the fire.</p>
1231	4/28/21 2:54 AM	<p>We really appreciate that Lake County is seriously considering burning restrictions and also "single hauler" services.</p> <p>Regarding yard waste burning: We love to be active outdoors in our yard and neighborhood, but some days the smoke from residential yard waste burning in the area makes it unbearable to be outside. Burning in the area requires us to scramble to close windows in the house before the smoke also fills our home.</p> <p>Regarding yard waste, trash, and recycle services: We currently have 3 different services coming through our no-outlet neighborhood every week (3 different days), which means that at least 6 trucks come every week (truck for waste, separate truck for recycle for each service) plus trucks for yard waste. It is noisy, creates congestion, and really is unnecessary.</p>
1232	4/28/21 7:19 PM	<p>Prefer to have my own choice</p>
1233	4/28/21 10:40 PM	<p>This practice should be stopped. With the current status of this planet we need to taaaaake every step we can to preserve this place for our children and grand children...</p>



1234	4/29/21 1:54 AM	If you truly care about creating an alternative to open burning, conduct an RFP (not some poorly written IFB) to contract with a vendor that can commit to providing a county-wide yard waste pickup service. Points for this solicitation should be weighted to favor vendors that can be innovative in the kind of pickup services they offer and by providing a variable price structure based on volume. Incentivize a lower cost for a greater volume of refuse. Focus on whether greater cost reductions can be achieved by reducing the number of pickups to every other week, or every third week. Consider a year round pickup service - perhaps on demand (but for an additional fee) when it snows - because burning occurs year round. It will be clear to the residents of western Lake County that the Board is merely paying lip service to our concerns if at the conclusion of the discussion burning is merely banned and officials conclude that current disposal options are sufficient.
1235	4/29/21 3:22 AM	The county has already restricted residents by limiting the days and time open burning is allowed in unincorporated areas. We do not need more restrictions. Using Waste Management's sticker or annual service for yard waste is costly, but it's the only option for most home owners. Enough is enough with the restrictions!
1237	4/29/21 4:27 PM	The current method of burning does not seem to work. Burning on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday . I observe burning on any day including Sundays in my neighborhood. Either the county is going to allow burning anytime or it should be allowed only with certain restrictions, for example, size of property or special permit for specific for use and time,
1238	4/29/21 10:09 PM	Please keep in mind that not all unincorporated areas are rural. Our neighborhood is unincorporated, lots are 50 feet wide and we are adjacent to Mundelein. So, rules for us may need to differ than rules for wide-open spaces.
1239	4/29/21 10:34 PM	I feel that burning yard waste is a huge health concern. How is it that the County can allow burning yet require most businesses not to allow smoking within 25 feet of a door, yet when we walk in our neighborhood we are many times assaulted by thick black smoke. Or when we are out in our yards entertaining or gardening, we have to run inside and close the windows so that our home doesn't smell like smoke as well to avoid breathing it in. Its particularly hard on older people and young children.  The burning of one neighbor takes away the freedom to clean breathing for multiple neighbors. I believe that it should not be allowed period!
1240	4/30/21 5:19 PM	It is a nuisance for your neighbors to be burning and the smoke blowing in your yard
1241	4/30/21 5:57 PM	Please enforce the current rules for burning. Making new rules w/o enforcement is a waste of time.
1243	4/30/21 11:39 PM	When Fremont consolidated the waste / recycles with optional yard waste ( which I do use ) my total bill went UP . FYI when I called groot about the higher bill they told me I needed to pay the higher price for yard waste or they would stop taking all yard waste - its payed at a flat rate at the

		beginning of the season NO REFUNDS ( Fremont said I needed to pay it also ! )
1245	5/1/21 2:21 PM	I have a lot of branches, twigs especially after our frequent storms, (and paper waste from Deep Lake road) which I burn. This would be a great inconvenience to not be able to burn as the small branches are not easy to dispose of and take up a lot of room. The leaves I do not burn, they do produce a lot of smoke. I mulch or have them disposed of from my Waste Management Service.
1246	5/3/21 3:58 AM	Everyone breathes the same air and open burning is not healthy. Unincorporated Lake County is too populated to allow open burning. This is public health issue. Please ban open burning in residential areas..
1247	5/3/21 3:44 PM	<p>When making your decision on whether to ban, or just allow on certain days, please consider that even under the COVID restrictions, our neighbors regularly violate the open burning rules. Many have continued to burn every day.</p> <p>There is also a problem in our area with residents burning trash, furniture, construction waste, etc. Drive around and you'll see (smell) evidence of regular fires that contain non-landscape waste materials.</p> <p>A neighbor two doors down from us found a new way to discard landscape waste. Perhaps she was trying to follow the COVID ordinance and not burn on Sunday (yesterday). Instead, she dumped all her landscape waste (fall leaves and grass clippings) into Lake Marie. We have also seen residents in the area regularly dumping leaves and grass clippings into Bluff Lake. If burning is curtailed and residents must pay for landscape waste removal, you might want to have an ad campaign regarding the harm to the lakes when waste is dumped into the water.</p>
1248	5/3/21 10:10 PM	Open burning should be eliminated!!!
1251	5/4/21 7:05 PM	I am happy with the cost Lakes Disposal has for my yard waste. It comes out to \$6.25 additional a week for the 8 months of service (\$200 April1-Nov 30). I HATE burning and think it not only pollutes the air, but people only seem to do it on nice days when my children and I are outside and the windows are open. I do not have a problem paying for yard waste like the "In town" people have to. I would fully support a BAN on BURNING! Thank you for conducting this survey!
1252	5/4/21 7:08 PM	As soon as the weather gets nicer and we can finally open windows the landscape burning season begins. Due to the odor it forces you to close everything up and run the air conditioner to get any air circulating. Even with current restrictions, many residents do not follow when you can and cannot burn. As a parent with 2 young children (1 having asthma) the burning is a major nuisance, health concern for my family and looks bad on our community.
1253	5/6/21 12:15 AM	My wife has asthma so unrestricted leaf burning in the fall has a major impact on our quality of life. Just when we would like to enjoy the cooler fresh air after the hot summer we have to keep the house sealed up because

		of the smoke. Anything that will cut down or eliminate the choking smoke in our neighborhood would be appreciated.
1254	5/6/21 4:11 AM	I would like open burning any time on natural materials. No wood with stain/paint, plastics or garbage as the only restriction.
1255	5/6/21 2:06 PM	Many of my neighbors use open lots next to them to dump their leaves and yard waste. I do not agree with that. Some have large lots and burn because it is impossible to have a service collect all of it. Neighbor across the channel from me burns whenever. With global warming I would like to see some restrictions. Thank you for asking for the Lake County residents opinions. I appreciate your service to our community.
1258	5/7/21 2:25 PM	Glad to see this being addressed. Thanks.
1259	5/7/21 3:37 PM	In the subdivision where I live (Chesney Shores) I see both open burning of landscape waste and bonfires. In my opinion whatever restrictions are placed on one should apply to the other as well. Fire is fire. There is always the smell, smoke and debris flying around so I honestly don't know how you can differentiate between them. Personally I see a lot of open burning abuse which makes the environment "unpleasant" yet in in my rather rural area it appears to be the norm and I can understand people not wanting to give that up. Just keep in mind that any type of burning should be considered in the same manner.
1260	5/8/21 12:38 AM	I love the smell of sticks and leaves but we don't burn ourselves as we have a very small yard, but everyone around us burns regularly. At this point, no one follows any rules or general neighborly niceties so I'm voting for a full ban. We can never have the windows open to enjoy the fresh air, cant play outside or go on walks sometimes as the smoke and fires are so large. If burning continues, adding restrictions on grass clippings would be great as it just smolders and smells disgusting, especially when damp. The biggest thing I would appreciate is re-educating residents of the rules of open burning and best practices: ie. don't burn on windy days, be considerate of neighbors, don't burn wet leaves/grass, size restrictions, how far away from structures, someone must be attending and ready with methods to put out, put out fully at dusk. It would be great to sleep with the windows open when it's nice out but people let their burn pits smolder all night often unattended.
1261	5/8/21 2:22 AM	Wish they ban open burning as this affects my families allergies.
1262	5/9/21 7:26 PM	Instructions, violations and penalties are poorly communicated. Clear rules and violations should be common knowledge. Smoke and soot travel in the air and impair air quality for everyone.
1266	5/16/21 8:43 PM	Most of our neighbors use a pickup service but several neighbors routinely burn yard waste. And, of course, it usually happens on the nicest of days where we would like to open up the windows and let the fresh are in.  Not only is this disturbing, but we know of other neighbors who have breathing issues and are adversely affected when the burning begins. We choose to pay for a service and though we are seniors on a fixed income we

		<p>feel it is important to do our part for the environment and well being of our community. Just because burning is allowed doesn't mean it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>Our family is for a total ban on open burning in unincorporated Lake County - as is the case in most communities. And for the obvious reasons.</p> <p>I hope others respond and provide input because I know most of our neighbors feel the same way.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
1268	5/18/21 10:17 PM	<p>With the current temporary rules, few people seem to know they are in effect. You can explain and show them emails, but not everyone gets county related emails. Possibly this should also be sent in the mail with a phone number to answer these questions or to go to this website. There is a lot of burning of items other than landscape. I see burn piles with pallets, trees that don't come from the residence, new and old construction waste. This is a difficult ordinance to enforce. The public needs to be better informed as to how damaging smoke/chemical emitted from these "other than landscape" waste. Grass mowing should be by mulching only. NO Bagging. Thank you for your efforts to stop burning in unincorporated Lake County.</p>
1269	5/20/21 1:58 AM	<p>I am very concerned about the ongoing burning that occurs in unincorporated Lake County. Air quality negatively impacted, real health risks for residents. Yard waste needs to be affordable and an educational campaign undertaken to help residents understand why this change is so important. Thank you!</p>
1270	5/20/21 11:08 PM	<p>There is a reason most municipalities ban burning. It's harmful for the environment and our health. We need to join the 21st Century and ban burning.</p>
1271	5/24/21 3:15 AM	<p>The era of open burning in the County is over. When we moved in 40 years ago the demographics were much more rural, now we are suburban, and there is no place for the pollution that open burning causes</p>
1273	5/29/21 2:22 AM	<p>I am THRILLED to see that you are trying to do something about the open burning in Lake County. This is especially pertinent in Knollwood, where I live. Open burning in the "actual country" (where you're living on acres and acres of land) is VERY different than burning 15 feet away from where I live. PLEASE do whatever you can to limit burning, at the very least in residential areas like Knollwood. I will do whatever I can to help this move forward. Feel free to contact me if you need advocates for this cause:</p> <p>████████████████████</p>
1274	6/4/21 3:19 AM	<p>Burning in neighborhoods is unhealthy and unsafe.</p>
1275	6/15/21 9:31 PM	<p>By ban, that's landscape waste only. We should be allowed to burn wood for marshmallows or hot dogs when conditions are safe.</p>
1276	7/8/21 11:53 PM	<p>People in our area use open burning for building materials, trash, and whatever else they like. The toxins they are releasing cannot do anything but harm the air quality. Please take this into consideration.</p>

1279	7/13/21 9:43 PM	I hope the County Board members are differentiating between burning of residential landscape waste, and the professionally-operated prescribed burning, and burning of waste from restoration efforts, frequently conducted by the Lake County Forest Preserve District's Natural Resources Staff and Volunteers. LCFP burns are necessary for the health of our natural communities, as burning helps contain invasive plants, and helps native plants thrive. Please do not put burn restrictions on LCFP operations, without consulting their professional staff.
1280	7/14/21 12:25 AM	Should not have to breathe smoke because someone wants to burn their yard waste. or have a camp fire. If you want to have a camp fire do it at a camp ground not in the unincorporated residential neighborhood where you live. Not everyone wants to smell smoke. In addition, what about helping to minimize climate change.

## **SECTION 3**

**Responses – Round 2 Open Burning**

**Survey August 18, 2021**

ID	Date	Comments 1	Comments 2 (Regarding "Other" answers)
1	7/21/2021	The limits we've had over the past year have made things more complicated with my schedule, but I'd much much prefer to deal with a schedule than an outright ban. Unincorporated areas tend to be larger properties so that means lots of landscape waste, which would mean lots of extra cost to have to pay for landscape waste pickup. With the cost of living and property taxes constantly going up, that extra cost will be more of a burden. Thank you for considering our input!	
2	7/21/2021	I think some restrictions are needed. The biggest issues are when people burn everyday or burn leaves. Burning wood is less of an issue as it typically burns cleaner than landscape materials. Though, I'm looking to switch to mulch most limbs/trees and landscape material on my property. I use the township branch pickup service when I can which is useful. I plan to only burn larger logs that can be mulched or picked up by the township. I think using bags for any landscape pickup service is cumbersome and impractical- it takes a lot of effort to fill bags. Also, there might be some other items to consider such as lot size. I live on an 1/2 wooded acre lot so I have lots of limbs and landscape material to deal with.	
3	7/21/2021	We used to have 4 different waste companies picking up trash and recycling on 4 different days of the week. We had trash containers out almost every day of the week. Thanks mostly to consolidation of trash companies we are now down to 2 companies with 4 different trucks and now 2 days a week. Much nicer.	
4	7/21/2021	It makes sense to limit the number of days per week for opening burning. With the COVID restrictions in place for the last year and a half, burning has been manageable. Removing the ability to open burn for us in unincorporated Lake County will increase our home maintenance cost, since most of the homes here are on large pieces of land.	
5	7/21/2021	I don't like limiting hours to sundown. In the fall people don't get home till after dark	
6	7/21/2021	Like tree cutting and removal, burning should require a PERMIT issued in this case, by the County! A permit would be a good regulatory device, allowing for inspection and safety. Thus, those who attain the permit would be given instructions and guidelines, etc.	
7	7/21/2021	I feel that in unincorporated Lake County we should be able to burn our landscape waste. We accumulate alot because we have a large vegetable garden and the weeds, plants, and flowers produce a lot of waste in the spring, summer, and fall. I would not be oppose to limits on certain days or times for burning but need to be allowed to do it 3 seasons during the year. It would be a lot to bag up for a hauler to take away especially if we have to use those small paper bags.	
8	7/21/2021	There are no landscape waste disposal options in my area. My only option is to burn leaves and brush. I live on about a wooded area of land. My landscape wastes are huge. I would not mind paying for a land waste service, but if I was only allowed two containers a week, that would be a drop in the bucket. Besides getting the open	

		waste ( loose leaves and tree branches) to curbside could become a full time job. I totally depend on my burn pit.
9	7/21/2021	i would like to see an exemption for restoration work as often invasive brush is cut, stacked and burned on sites.
10	7/21/2021	<p>If I have to pay for hauling out bags of leaves/yard waste, I will have to join the unmaintained group of property owners.</p> <p>There is no way I could afford the number of bags that would be required to haul out the leaves from all the trees around here. The wind blows them from the north and west into my yard, and my neighbor to the south chooses to blow all his leaves (and snow) into my yard so I get to deal with disposal.</p> <p>I guess the next best thing I could do would be to build a HUGE composting bin at the southwest corner, and just keep dumping in there, hoping for the best. I'm sure the future would then bring complaints about that also.</p> <p>While I would prefer to be allowed to burn any day, since yard clean up is dependent on weather, I am willing to compromise and have only selected days each week.</p>
11	7/21/2021	Keep the current ordinance the same. T/TH/S daytime burning, with hose/fire extinguisher nearby and someone must be present.
12	7/21/2021	I have 2 acres of natural woodland and I do periodic burning of small selected areas annually when the conditions are right only a few times a year. If open burning is limited to certain days it will take away my ability to burn when the ground conditions, wind and moisture are safe and agreeable. I would like to ask that there be permits allowed for those who are restoring native areas to do prescribed burning. This very infrequent burning use is good for capturing carbon, helping pollinators and native flora as well as managing invasive species.
13	7/21/2021	While I appreciate that consolidating waste hauling services will create less wear and tear on the roads I am concerned that my bill will increase like it did when the county took over my sewer bill.
14	7/21/2021	<p>We like 3 days a week. The problem with time of day is rain and wind conditions.</p> <p>For instance, if you can only burn in the afternoon on a given day and the wind is calm in the morning, but you know it will get windy in the afternoon, you need to get it done in the morning.</p> <p>The same with rain.</p>
15	7/21/2021	Burned our yard waste for years but then with all the flooding and wet grass, could not get it done so ordered yard waste pickup through Waste Management for \$60/season. Now we have a lawn service but I keep the pickup service for the unexpected storm debris, weeds, etc. The cost is certainly not prohibitive. If our lawn service provider is done for the season, then we do burn our leaves in late fall. Probably time for open burning to end with the density of the population in Lake County.



16	7/21/2021	I am in full support of a ban on burning leaves/grass clippings, as these items cause heavy smoke/soot and are easily collected for disposal/composting. I would prefer a regulation that allows for burning of woody debris (sticks through larger branches/firewood) as that material does not produce as much smoke/soot and is difficult to collect/dispose/compost. Restrictions on days to burn are acceptable, prefer both weekend days, but open to Saturday only. Would prefer 2 weekdays as allowable as well.	
17	7/21/2021	no burning at dusk when most people open their windows	
18	7/21/2021	I am open to a common waste hauler for landscape waste as long as I can have my own choice hauler for the main waste and recycling.	
19	7/21/2021	Current open burning regulations are widely ignored. Find it difficult to believe that stricter regulations will be followed any more closely than the current lenient ones are.	
20	7/21/2021	Controlled Prescribed burns must be allowed, such as the Forest Preserves and Maintenance of Native Open Space, such as by home owner associations, that are done by professionals who follow safety rules and attempt to minimize the impact on area residents. These are necessary to the completion of these projects so they can be cost effective and reasonable as they are not weekly or even monthly events.  Safety for all other burning situations is the key issue. I'm not sure what is accomplished by time based restrictions. That seems unnecessary and causes unneeded monitoring and planning (however a ban on Sundays could avoid neighbor issues and won't affect the other issues mentioned above).	
21	7/21/2021	Waste hauling through a franchise would seem to provide lower costs if properly bid as well as reduce truck traffic, confusion on trash days, etc.  Open burning, combined with yard waste disposal service, is the most convenient. It provides the ability to dispose of weeds that are easier to bag with the ability to burn branches that are harder to consolidate for a waste service.	
22	7/21/2021	I am a senior citizen and have very little trash, my bins could be emptied one a month and they would still not be full. Would seniors get a senior rate if it is franchised? I always wait for my landscape waste to dry out and wait for a not windy day.  I worry about people burning on a specified day even if it is windy because that is the day you say to burn. Some folks have no common sense.	
23	7/21/2021	In the last question, if you're referring to garbage service, yes, at about \$80.  If you're referring to yard waste service, then no.	I should not have to choose between any waste-hauling service. I should have the right to dispose of waste on my personal property at no cost.
24	7/21/2021	The rule should require that fires are for short periods only and put out completely when finished. They should not be smoldering all night. Good luck with this issue. In this day and age there are always people that think it is their	I live in Knollwood and the township has already franchised our waste hauler. It's cheaper and working out very well. There is

		right to do whatever they want and will not want to accept any rules.	even a senior discount which helps.
25	7/21/2021	Forest preserves do regular burning and create more smoke than most. Residents have been burning for many many years, when done properly and respectfully, I feel it is a benefit for all. There are only so many open spaces left to keep hauling truckloads of yard waste too!	
26	7/21/2021	You have to take into consideration teeth people with breathing problems asthma	
27	7/21/2021	Properties not directly adjacent to a school, business area, health facility or neighborhoods should have more flexibility to open burning. I realize that as the population grows in Lake County it may make sense to provide more restrictions or even ban it without a special permit.	
28	7/21/2021	All for burning invasive species - buckthorn, loosestrife.  Limited for unincorporated areas. Review in 2 years. Increase education about composting and invasive species	
29	7/21/2021	I have no problem with keeping the restrictions as is.	
30	7/21/2021	You say to "protect the health, safety, and welfare" yet you have never provided any science to back this up. Also, in the past, we have been encouraged to burn conservancy areas to promote the growth the native plants and eliminate evasive weeds. What gives????	
31	7/21/2021	Current waste hauling company does not offer residential landscape waste pick-up service. If offered, I would utilize	
32	7/21/2021	no burning if the wind is greater than 10 mph'  RE OPEN CUBA TOWNSHIP mulch yard so we have a place to get rid of all the logs from the dead trees	
33	7/21/2021	We have been following a restricted burn schedule for the last few months and it has worked well. Our township franchised leaf pickup with Groot through a new agreement last fall. It seemed to work well but we mulch our leaves and use them on our property.I am concerned as a retired person that there will be an additional cost and at out age the work involved to haul and it out would be difficult for us.	
34	7/21/2021	Warren Township collects 2 times a year - Spring and Fall - which works for the majority of the landscape waste. Then they collect weekly only tree branches the rest of the year.	
35	7/21/2021	Waste collection above does not include yard waste	Landscape waste, Leaves, grass,etc, Can be composted or hauled out by waste services.  I personally compost them. Great for garden or mulch.  The problem is getting rid of larger branches or trunks that waste haulers won't allow.

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36	7/22/2021	<p>Eliminate leaf and green plant burning to reduce the smoke. Have the appropriate safety distances stated and instructions on how to let the yard waist 'age' so it will burn quickly and cleanly.</p> <p>Those of us with multi acre residential rely on open burn to maintain our property. Incurring another cost (to have a disposal service for branches limbs and tree debris) simply isn't equitable given the taxes we already pay.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity for feedback.</p> <p>With due respect, some of your presenters on the webcast should listen to their own speaking. Some presentation communication skills could be sharpened up.</p> <p>Overall though, good job and good luck with the remainder of the work.</p>	
37	7/22/2021	<p>Regarding OPEN BURN of Brush, Branches, etc. I and many of my neighbors DO use the Wauconda Twp Brush Pickup each month. However I (and other neighbors) have many small sticks, twigs, invasive weeds with seeds that we use a fire pit to open burn. We MUST continue to allow what we have now, certain days of the week ability to have modest open burn. People should however be banned from having SMOKING SMOLDERING LEAVES AND GRASS fires. Any branch larger than baseball bat size, I cut up and use for firewood in my fireplace. For those that violate the allowed days or have smoldering smoky fires, there should be stricter enforcement. You do need a few days per week since some days might be too windy or have just had rain so cannot burn.</p>	
38	7/22/2021	<p>We live on 5 acres with many mature trees. Falling branches are frequent, occasionally entire trees, and we do our own yard work and burn when necessary. We are on a common driveway with 2 other neighbors and have no provision for brush pickup, so I have no idea what we would do if we could not burn. We have lived here for 43 years, and intentionally chose unincorporated Barrington because of the minimal restrictions on our everyday life, and would be very sad to have this change imposed on us.</p>	
39	7/22/2021	<p>I live in Mundelein and my neighbors all around me burn yard/landscape waste, bonfires all the time and law enforcement does nothing about it.</p> <p>So I suppose it doesn't matter what I have to say. Just keep breathing in all that crap.</p>	
40	7/22/2021	<p>I live in Lake Forest but have also owned a home in Unincorporated McHenry County. I am FOR burning fields/prairies/burn pile of yard waste once/year.</p> <p>Open burning of leaves or garbage is not acceptable at any time. Leaves go on a compost pile. Garbage goes in a can. It's not cheap to have garbage service, but it is available. So no excuses.</p>	
41	7/22/2021	<p>I understand that burning is an efficient way to dispose of some types of waste, but I also understand that more and more people are developing allergies and other sensitivities to airborne waste. In the 'time, place and manner' restrictions, I believe specifying one or two days per week that open burning could occur would give</p>	

		adequate opportunity to those who wish to burn, and adequate notice to those who need respite from burning.
42	7/22/2021	I don't remember amount of waste hauler bill
43	7/22/2021	If my bee hives contain foul brood, they must be burned to kill the infected bugs.
44	7/22/2021	I am for limited , controlled waste burning as an alternative .
45	7/22/2021	I commented in the past and will say again that if you own a 5 acre property like me and do your own yard work, there is too much debris to compost and it would be expensive to have it hauled away. By burning in the center of my property and away from neighbors' properties it is a quick and economical solution to keep my yard looking nice. My fires are over in 15 minutes and my yard waste is reduced to ashes that I can work into my garden areas. I only need to burn twice a month to keep my yard in order.
46	7/22/2021	I have no objections if the burnings are controlled, the waste materials do not create environmental or health hazards and there is not any potential of any kind of damage to property. Also, I would recommend extremely stiff penalties if open burning laws were violated.
47	7/22/2021	I must 1st say perhaps the county should not base its case against open burning on effects on incorporated communities (though valid) after showing little concern for the same argument with regard to marijuana businesses. Also, do recognize that people living in unincorporated areas often live here because we love quiet, nature, & open spaces, not because we are cheap or want to live like it's the wild west. That said, I'm fine with restrictions that positively affect public health, quality of life, & home values. I like that plans being considered offer improved services along with restrictions. My priorities would be to reduce pollution by restricting burning of leaves, providing a single waste hauler, offering opportunities for recycling food scraps, & possibly creating options for mulching/chipping. Finally, please be aware some owners with large lots don't have huge setbacks & need affordable disposal of much brush, ex. buckthorns & trimmings of native trees & shrubs.
48	7/22/2021	My actual property doesn't have trees but my neighbors surrounding me do. Would the waste fees be legally obligated to property where trees are located? I'm talking several trees over 60 feet tall whose leaves fall on my property.
49	7/22/2021	We put our leaves to the curb last year and it worked well. The only thing we needed to burn were some downed branches! The township picks up branches and chips them for us twice a year so realistically they could be stockpiled and brought to the curb raise a year for grinding and then there'd be no need to burn anything!
50	7/22/2021	I have a lot that is slightly more than an acre. Limbs and leaves are my primary landscape waste. In the fall I probably have enough leaves to fill one or more semi-trailers. I try to compost as much as I can, but it is still not enough. There is no way I can fill bags full of weeds, it would take hundreds of bags. Burning is the only option!
51	7/23/2021	One or two days a week limited to daylight hours wii be good enough for me to get rid of yard wastes.
52	7/23/2021	I agree with the Indian Creek model - "—Burning of leaves or grass clippings is NOT permitted. Outdoor Fireplaces & Fire Pits are permitted only when firewood is used for recreational / cooking purposes in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

		<p>With a permit, prairie conservation areas are allowed to be burned in a controlled manner.</p> <p>I abhor grass clipping/leaf burning. It should be banned outright in Illinois, as garbage burning is. ALSO, this information should be presented to each unincorporated area - my neighbors in this subdivision know NOTHING about the regulations. On-site presentations should be held - not in a building but in the areas affected.</p>	
53	7/23/2021	<p>Have flower gardens, small branches from bushes some logs etc., it is concerning how I would get rid of all the weeds, flower/plant, leaves etc. I have large amount at times. I do not burn that often but when I do it is usually all at once. If having to pay a service it could be quite costly. We have brush chipping service which I do utilize. I am open to some restrictions but am concerned about the options.</p>	<p>Do not understand the details enough to make a decision for or against it</p>
54	7/23/2021	<p>this cost is regular garbage pick up and recycling. landscaping is not included</p>	
55	7/23/2021	<p>I live in Warren Township that offers brush and leave pickup. I have neighbors that burn that brings ash and smoke to my backyard even though we have free brush/leave pickup. I'm in unincorporated Lake County but it's not a rural area. I think burning should be in rural areas/large properties. Not in residential areas. I don't want a waste hauler franchise because I don't want another bill from a mediocre hauler. Waste Management is very expensive and the cost keeps going up. They did do leave pickup in my neighborhood one year and it was mediocre. They left a large portion of leaves on the grass each week. I like the stickers system or adding yard waste pickup option to my bill. Another issue to explore in the future are landscapers that leave yard waste materials in the street (blowing grass into the street) instead of cleaning it up and hauling it away</p>	
56	7/23/2021	<p>We have limited our burning and subscribed to a device, but The price of landscape waste disposal is very high.</p>	
57	7/23/2021	<p>I would like to see waste hauling options for both regular weekly yardwaste pickup as well as one-time larger "brush pile" pickup. We need this larger pickup a few times a year, after storms or a big spring cleanup or tree trimming. Thanks for listening!</p>	
58	7/23/2021	<p>We do not feel that open burning of yard waste creates any problems in our area, with the exception of grass clippings. Grass clippings tend to smolder rather than burn, and can be a nuisance. They are also easy to mulch and compost instead. We would only be open to collection of yard waste if it could be provided at little or no cost, like current recycling. We are retired, and do not want any additional bills.</p>	
59	7/23/2021	<p>We are very much in favor of consolidating waste hauling services. For the 7 homes on our one lane gravel road, that is not maintained by the county or the township, there are 4 different services which adds up to 4 garbage trucks plus, 2 or 3 recycling trucks and 1 truck for a dumpster! Utterly ridiculous, but newcomers don't ask questions or want to save a few dollars all the while causing much wear and tear on</p>	

		the road, not to mention the environmental impact with all these trucks going to the same place.	
60	7/23/2021	It is critical to be able to dispose of limbs and branches when one lives on a 1-2 acre property with 100 year old trees.	
61	7/23/2021	Disposing of leaves in the fall is a serious issue especially for senior citizens. Using a service that sucks up leaves in the fall could reduce fall burning and still able to be handled by seniors.	
62	7/24/2021		I don't like the idea of franchising because my property butts up to the easement on 1 side & the other side is the creek and that is where majority tree's are, so don't feel I should have to pay for removal services. Thank you
63	7/24/2021	I love the Warren township brush collection. It significantly reduces the burning I need to do and is a major help to me. Community safety for burning matters, but it's not like certain days or times are safer to burn. It's about water, what's nearby, etc. The rules like burning only on Saturday or before 8 pm have nothing to do with safety and are bureaucratic hurdles the government has no business imposing. I'd much prefer rules about being prepared to extinguish fires, not burn in dry weather, etc. Those are relevant to community safety.	
64	7/24/2021	My lot backs up to 50 foot wide strip of woods (mostly buckthorn and dead ash trees). The trimmings I created have been accumulating there for 30+ years. Decomposition has reduced the litter, which has returned nutrients to the soil. I would like to burn larger branches rather than hauling them to the curb.	
65	7/24/2021	I think homeowners with at least 1 acre should have access to open burning as the amount of landscape waste is too large to dispose of through a commercial method. Also, I probably only burn 3-4 times per year.	I am opposed to a waste hauler and therefore franchising is N/A.
66	7/24/2021	<p>I agree with the need to minimize air pollution. Reasonable regs can be a benefit to all. (Climate change is certainly happening - no sense in accelerating it.)</p> <p>I suggest permitting open burning of brush &amp; logs only, but not leaves or grass. Leaves and grass are easily composted.</p> <p>Regs restricting days should not be too restrictive. We need low wind, dry days to burn. Specifying a date may cause people to burn in unsafe windy or wet conditions.</p> <p>I suggest permitting burning on larger lots (&gt;5 acres), subject to the material notes above. Specifying setbacks to dwellings or property lines is not recommended.</p>	
67	7/24/2021	We have a 2 acre lot here in the Barrington area . Half is house and yard and the other half is dense woods.. While we mulch our leaves in the fall and mow our grass without collecting the clippings, we do have significant yard waste resulting from our efforts at keeping the forest from taking over the yard. In the spring and fall we	

		<p>must pare back the perimeter of the woods which completely surrounds the house/yard area, except for the driveway. The trimmed perimeter is approximately 1000 feet in length including 300 feet along the road side.</p> <p>The present burning rule of 3 days a week works well as we dry the clippings for a couple of months, than burn the clipped tree limbs and branches. We also have had occasion to fell several dead trees in the past few years. We need to burn a large portion of the tree limbs.</p> <p>BOTTOM LINE. The present 3 day a week rule is working well for us and most all our neighbors who use the same scheme as I outlined above. [REDACTED]</p>	
68	7/24/2021	<p>After reviewing July 12, Open Burning and Landscape Waste disposal meeting I have the following comments/questions:</p> <p>1) Do nothing scenario seems to not be an option? why? Meeting feels as if someone is forcing a specific agenda.</p> <p>2) What is the cause of smoke related respiratory ailments? is it from leave burning or wood burning. I see no option separating leaf burning from tree limb burning, why?</p> <p>3) I feel that this task group has already made a decision on path, they obviously want a third party landscape waste pickup of some sort as quotes have already been requested, this feels like the cart is before the horse? Please do not steam roll the folks that have large wooded properties.</p> <p>4) My guess is that population density on average is much less in unincorporated areas of Lake County, I would be interested in receiving more information on what is an acceptable amount of smoke (PPM) in rural areas?</p>	<p>I have too much wood to dispose of, it would be too much work to have a disposer pick it up.</p>
69	7/24/2021	<p>We have 5+ acres including a quarter acre of native prairie and 2 rain gardens. We burn the prairie every other year and the rain gardens every year and would like to continue to do so without a permit ( matter of right.)</p> <p>I recommend not being too restrictive on when burns are held - you may force people to burn on wet or overly windy days to comply.</p> <p>Also, I recommend prohibiting the burning of grass clippings or leaves - both are easy to compost, and should be. Burning wastes a resource.</p>	

		PS - We certainly see the climate changing and need to avoid accelerating that change. I agree with the idea of regulating - as long as it is logical and reasonable.
70	7/24/2021	I receive a yearly bill for yard waste!  Griot is very expensive!
71	7/24/2021	Green bins are a fantastic approach to landscape waste. There are people who do not want to pay extra for this type of service, so it would be good to find a financial resource to fund this.
72	7/25/2021	Some reasonable restrictions are appropriate to protect the environment. If it's completely banned many people can't afford it. Also those who can't afford to pay a waste hauler will dump it illegally.
73	7/25/2021	Open burning only.
74	7/25/2021	I think bulk of county faces restrictions thru municipalities. Those unincorporated typically are on larger less dense housing further from neighbors but with lots of brush/woody materials. I mulch my grass & leaf clippings, but still have lots of weeds/brush waste. I pay extra for yard waste service which typically handles my weeds & some sticks. But there are times when there are bulky items that don't fit in yard waste container or not easy to haul to street where burning is preferable. I also don't want to impinge on my neighbor's rights as so much is already over regulated. I would be open to days of week restrictions so those like my wife w asthma can breathe ok outside. I think penalizing those near schools is wrong unless limited to class hours. Distance from neighbors can also be challenging based on lot size, distances, & say highly combustible conifers on other parts of lawn & could create a much bigger problem. Restriction to cool months is not reasonable.
75	7/26/2021	I like it just the way it is
76	7/26/2021	We followed the previous guidelines for burning, but it seems like our neighbors didn't know the regulations. May need increased communication.
77	7/26/2021	We use Waste Management's Yard Waste Removal for General Weeding. Mulch the Grass Clippings through the lawn mower back to the grass. Pile the leaves in the ditch in the back of our house (generally gone by spring). We do burn sticks and tree limbs which fall often after windstorms, etc.  I have no problem with the way it is now Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, but am opposed to total ban because when my 50 year old rotten willow tree finally falls, you certainly don't want that down at the end of the road for the township chipper. It's at least 4 feet across!
78	7/27/2021	Education needs to be included in any changes to unincorporated burning. Homeowners with an acre or more should be encouraged to compost leaves instead of burning them. Learning the benefits of composting might reduce leaf burning. Tools for how to build and maintain an effective and safe landscape waste fire needs to be made available. This might help eliminate wet leaf piles that smolder ineffectively for days.  If burning becomes restricted, the board needs to consider the impact of chemical applications to landscapes. These chemicals are irritating and degrade human health



		and threaten our water quality. When neighbors apply chemicals to their turf, the resulting degradation of air quality is equally bad if not worse than smoke. In many instances the chemical lingers in the air for days. Smoke is gone in hours.	
79	7/27/2021	Need system like in Mundelein to dispose of leaves by moving them to the curb. Seniors find it very difficult to put leaves in bags.	
80	7/27/2021	<p>I would like to see restrictions limited to:</p> <p>Wind speed</p> <p>Back Yard only</p> <p>Appropriate distance from inhabited dwellings</p> <p>Materials burned</p> <p>Fire is monitored</p> <p>Extinguishing device sufficient to extinguish the fire(Hose, water, fire extinguisher)</p> <p>I am open to restricting burning in a fire pit.</p>	I am not certain what franchising entails therefore, I cannot make an informed decision at this time.
81	7/27/2021	I appreciate the second survey with option or tier of burning features. Leaves and grass clippings are the smokiest items to burn and neighbors specifically burn these green or without any drying period. Recommending location and/or timing for burning of leaves and grass is what is needed to regulate air quality and constrain poor decision makers.	
82	7/27/2021	<p>Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to input.</p> <p>We have 6 acres, and are trying hard to be the best stewards we can of this partly wooded parcel. We lost a lot of ash trees recently, and were able to mill some of it into lumber. Chipping and firewood took care of what wasn't milled. If we loose an occasional other tree, we chip and mulch and use for firewood.</p> <p>We compost all our grass, weeds, leaves, etc. on site and use it in our gardens as it ages, so we don't have too much occasion to burn, other than we have also burned small patches of prairie plantings occasionally for regeneration.</p> <p>However, we have been at war with buckthorn for years. We have a small chipper and rent a larger one occasionally, but as far as chipping buckthorn, we read that it is better to burn the buckthorn as burning kills the seeds. We do burn some buckthorn when weather permits, and according to county guidelines, and would like to be able to continue occasional buckthorn burning.</p>	
83	7/27/2021	<p>I would prefer having my leaves picked up at curbside ( at a cost) the volumn of leaves my</p> <p>trees produce requires multiple days of burning.</p>	

84	7/27/2021	Please limit the days, but don't eliminate it entirely.	I don't want to have an additional bill to haul away yard waste. We have too many bushes and tree limbs that constantly need pruning. Our taxes are high enough and we are seniors.
85	7/27/2021	If we are not allowed to burn our leaves and tree trimmings, this will cause a major hardship. This will be especially true if disposal costs are to be bourn by the residents.	
86	7/28/2021	Whatever is decided make it an easy solution. Either let us burn or if it has to be picked up, no bags- put them by the curb and have the vacume truck come by. Burning safely is much easier and convenient.	
87	7/28/2021	<p>We live in a development with 2 -10 acre heavily wooded parcels and safely practiced wood and landscape(leaves, grass) burning for over 35 years. Typically on my proerty I get enough leaves to fill the County Board room multiple times. Cost increase in hauling-NO.</p> <p>Is the County board mixing apples and oranges when addressing a burn policy in with regional waste hauling? Seems to be two distinct issues. Regarding waste hauling, would it make more sense to have adjacent incorporated municiplaties share or include their hauling contract with the adjacent unincorporated area, which may reduce the cost for all involved in the contract?</p> <p>We understand the problems caused by landscape burning in conjested urban areas where propereties have minmal acreage and landscape pickup becomes more cost effective. Through the COVID time, the County restircted buring to days of the week which seemed to work well. Why not continue that policy if the County really feels a need to limit landscape burning.</p>	<p>We have consolidated our waste hauling in our development to minmize truck traffic. if County wishes to minmize truck traffic across the county, cannot see any substantial improvement if teh incorporated communities are also engaged. Preferr to keep our d</p>
88	7/28/2021	for the above two questions as i did not know if you are talking about franchising a waste hauling service or specifically a landscape waste hauling. In general I don't see the need as our home owners association already contracts with waste hauler which offers a landscape waste hauling service. Very few people use the landscape waste hauler option as it requires waste to be bagged and is therefore too time consuming. Plus you have to haul your landscape waste quite a distance. With a one acre properties this is a big issue.	

89	7/28/2021	Two concerns for me is what waste hauler takes trees and limbs? And what is the cost?	I live on two acres. A half acre is full of dead ash and elm trees. I am slowly clearing these out by myself . I feel it would be cost prohibitive to have to pay to have trees hauled away. I have been following the current guidelines. It works for me.
90	7/28/2021	I am concerned about open burning. If it is a bad day for breathing or windy & it is the day to burn - some May burn just because it is the day. I prefer to burn when it is the best day not when it would be questionable. Giving people just a day or 2 a month might not work because of the conditions. Could be a disaster!!	
91	7/28/2021		Do not know/understand the franchise concept for waste collection.
92	7/28/2021	We are currently working to rid our property of invasive species, in particular buck thorn, to replace with native species. Without the ability to burn the waste, we would have to stop this important environmental work. Cutting the buckthorn into pieces small enough for waste haulers would be so labor intensive as to make the work impossible to complete during the hours we're not working.	
93	7/28/2021	Having specific rules to follow and limiting the open burning to specific days and times should satisfy most everyone's concerns.	I would prefer to continue to burn verses paying someone to haul it away. Ultimately the leaves and small sticks I burn have to be disposed of. I think you're just creating other environmental concerns by simply hauling it away and letting others deal wit
94	7/28/2021		I do not like the idea of franchising the hauling of landscape waste because of having large acreage
95	7/28/2021	<p>I'm opposed to a burn ban for certain days of the week. I've been through the Lake County Forest Preserves brush pile burn training and understand the impact weather (wind speeds, humidity levels) has on safely burning. If people are restricted to certain days then they may be tempted to burn in less than ideal weather conditions because it's Tuesday (for example) and that's the only day they can burn.</p> <p>I partly support a ban on burning within a set distance from structures, but feel 500' is too far and 100' more realistic.</p> <p>I support 'manner of burning' bans. Landscape waste can be safely burned if people are educated - don't burn when humidity is low, winds are high, have water nearby, be aware of nearby flammable materials.</p> <p>Lake County Forest Preserves is encouraging the removal of invasive buckthorn throughout the county. Burning is the most efficient manner of getting rid of brush</p>	

		piles. Too restrictive of burn bans may discourage homeowners from removing buckthorn.	
96	7/28/2021	Instruct residents to only burn DRY material. Too many of my neighbors try to burn wet leaves that creates alot of smoke. I have many trees on my property and if I have green landscape waste I try to first let the material dry completely before I burn it. I try to burn during normal work hours when most of my immediate neighbors are away at work in order to minimize any bothersome smoke. Common sense and courtesy should be included in any burning plan.	
97	7/28/2021	It may seem odd that I support AND oppose franchise billing for waste/garbage pickup. I support it from the standpoint that if (1) hauler is given an exclusive multi-year contract, they can obviously provide more economical costs. HOWEVER, I'm sure there are many home/property owners like myself who have absolutely NO need of "yard waste" pickup. Thus, when a single hauler is given an exclusive, "in town" homeowners need for yard waste pickup will obviously be factored in and most surely be amortized into the costs for all. Additionally, waste haulers are NOT going to haul away the branches/limbs, etc. that the rural homeowners need to dispose of. THEREFORE, it is imperative that we be allowed to continue to burn our limbs, branches, etc....even if there are some MINOR restrictions put in place.	
98	7/28/2021	I live adjacent to unincorporated lake county, along route 83, Glen Garden Estates. Burning has been horrible when it occurs. Can't go outside as that smoke smell is so strong. Obviously cannot open doors or windows. We cannot even tell (for sure) which property it is because they are burning in a location not seen from any public point.	
99	7/28/2021	I don't mind open burning, but I have asthma and allergies, so limiting days and what is burned is essential. I have a neighbor that just burns anytime he wants to and it is maddening that I can't sit out and enjoy my yard because this man can't follow the rules in place now.	
100	7/28/2021	open burning hasn't been a problem in unincorporated residential for my 65 years. forest preserves ,farms, parks and open space are burned spring and fall, hundreds of of acres . the real problem is emissions, stop abusing fossil fuels	doesn't matter, already franchised
101	7/29/2021	It seems to me that the most objectionable part of open burning is the burning of leaves in the fall. Other burnings are fewer and spaced out more evenly throughout the year and don't seem as bothersome. The only remedy to lesson the impact of that is to have designated days where leaves can be vacuumed up by a waste agency where the waste is brought to the curb or parkway for that purpose. It's done in the villages, why not offer this service in the county? A small charge for this service added to the normal waste bill could offset the cost to the county residents. And they still could burn if they wish, which would lesson the poor air quality on fall days due to the volume of burnings being reduced.	
102	7/29/2021	I am OK with certain days of the week, Tuesday Thursday and Saturday has worked out just fine.	I am not always available to move the waste to the street.

103	7/30/2021	We dispose of green landscape waste in the brown paper bags. It is expensive. \$20 for 5 bags in addition to our regular waste hauling bill.	
104	7/30/2021	We're open to all options on banning burning, but feel like the very LEAST that should be done is address burning in a high density area like Knollwood. We have neighbors who burn literally a few feet away from our house. This should never be ok. Any restrictions are better than none, but we'd be thrilled with all restrictions.	
105	7/30/2021	<p>I do not have air conditioning. I keep all of my windows closed during the heat of the day. In the late afternoon/early evening I open all of my windows and doors. Then I turn on my whole-house fan to draw in the cool air from outside and exhaust the hot air from inside. Very, very often someone has a large, smoky fire burning. The smoke fills the entire neighborhood, and I suck it into my house. Sometimes it smells like I have been camping for a week. The problem is that the culprit is sneaky and waits until it's getting dark, so I don't know who it is.</p> <p>I have also had the experience that someone has a large, smoky fire burning during the day. Just going out to the mailbox and coming right back inside is enough exposure to make my clothes smell like smoke.</p> <p>I think the problem could be mitigated if open burning was limited to the daytime hours. Eliminate all smoky, smoldering "fires". Mandate that the burning can't affect neighbors and that it can't make huge volumes of smoke.</p>	
106	7/30/2021	Obviously anyone open burning has no control over where the smoke blows. I wish people would accept the fact that their actions can have harmful impacts on innocent people both near and far from their homes.	
107	7/30/2021	I would a) limit burning to dry, natural material, b) allowing on certain atmospheric conditions (no wind, no drought, low pollen), c) during limited time of day, and with minimum lot sizes (for safety of neighbors structures). I would limit 1/2 mi of schools, infirmaries, playgrounds, places of worship. I would let local fire chiefs issue warnings or citations.	I used to work at CLC so I know how this goes. politicians and the bureaucrats who work for them will write the specs and award government franchise to political supporters, rather than to negotiate the best terms for residents.
108	7/30/2021	<p>Having over an acre of property, burning of leaves in the fall is a must and we also burn cardboard to prevent it from going to the dump. I suffer from Asthma and burn when conditions are right outside. I DO NOT smolder any 'green materials' and always have my hose handy. Many people smoke me out when they burn on their yards by trying to rid their collection of green materials.</p> <p>As our County representatives, We are sure you come up with a fair solution.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	
109	7/30/2021	We live in a very heavily wooded area, Sylvan Lake. There are so many logs that are difficult to remove from our public woodlands as the woodlands are surrounded by homes. Heavy machinery to transport large logs is not possible. We, as a community are already respectful to our neighbors regarding burning. Of course leaves can be picked up by our township, Fremont, but timing is critical and not always possible to gather them and keep them in place so they aren't blown all over. Our streets are	

		<p>used for parking a lot as well. Again, trying to contain the amount of leaves this neighborhood generates is a challenge. Along with that comment are logs from larger trees. Personally, I like to chop up the leaves to use as mulch.</p> <p>We always try to burn logs when its very cold out so people aren't getting their homes full of smoke. Having only designated days to burn "sounds" like a good idea if you're retired.</p>
110	7/30/2021	We are senior citizens with 4 mature oaks in our front yard. Burning is our only option of the removal of these leaves. Burning restricted to just certain days certainly works. We cannot bag this many leaves! Is it possible to rake the leaves to the edge of the street and have them removed?
111	7/30/2021	Use waste hauler to pick up leaves from the street like being done in mundelein.
112	7/31/2021	On a property with about two hundred trees, it takes occational open buring to maintain the unreasonable accumulation of storm damaged trees.
113	7/31/2021	I would like if open burning was limited to one or two days a week. Preferably Not on the weekends. I understand the need to burn branches and leaves, but I personally can't stand it. It makes me sick. Gives me headaches. Makes it hard to breathe. When it's finally nice enough to open my windows, all I smell is smoke.
114	7/31/2021	Grass clippings should never be burned. Other yard waste like brush and trees must be allowed. Large property like mine (4 acres) heavily wooded must be maintained by us and being retired we can't afford to pay for tree waste hauling. We're still cutting down ash bore trees and need this benefit of burning tree waste. It's one of the reasons we moved to Lake County!
115	7/31/2021	Where we live, the many trees in our yard are older, and often seasonal storms can bring down large limbs and branches. We also spend the months of October and November cleaning up leaves from these trees. We have a waste hauler where we live, but they only pick up from April to the end of November, and limit the size if tree limbs that they will take. I have many gardens, and always put out any spring, summer yard waste for the waste hauler. Our maple trees have had a black spot fungus the last 4 years, so I must remove all the shed leaves and cannot use them as mulch. We sometimes put out up to 40 bags a week of leaves, especially in November. I only burn if absolutely necessary.
116	7/31/2021	<p>The county might consider weather-based restrictions instead of day/date restrictions. Days when the air quality is already poor or when the winds are high or when the county is in drought condition may preclude burning. If there are just a couple of days where burning is allowed and the weather doesn't cooperate on those days, people are likely to burn on windy days just to get it done.</p> <p>Also, my current waste hauler doesn't even recycle. I can't see them supporting a landscaping waste effort. Everything will just end up in a landfill.</p>
117	7/31/2021	We have a large wooded lot that slopes away from the road. The trees are mature and most are in the backyard. Trees & large shrubs have to be regularly trimmed, and every wind storm brings down more branches and twigs. We maintain our own property without hired landscapers. Not only would the volume of wood be too

		large to be bagged, it would be impossible to drag all that wood up the hill to the street to be picked up. We need a year-round open burn option.	
118	8/2/2021	There should be a temporary moratorium on all burning of yardwaste as long as we are getting the haze from the western fires. Above bill does not include yardwaste fee.	
119	8/2/2021	It might help for you to offer a strategic goal, hopefully it is not to franchise because others communities are doing it. Do you have an environmental goal, if so what is the goal and how will you see this county pulling together to achieve this goal, did the community agree to this goal?	Franchising will increase our carbon foot print, really what is the goal of this project. I have asked this same question and I have yet to receive an answer.
120	8/2/2021	Eliminating waste burning all together will do nothing but create a headache for whomever has to enforce the ordinance. Some people in my neighborhood aren't even aware of the current restrictions or they choose to ignore them. I'm not sure how you informed people of the recent changes.  With all the tensions we have in society because of politics and covid, establishing a new ordinance to eliminate burning will only create more unrest. I think sensible burning like there is now is the best option.	I have a lot of yard waste (wooded area on both sides of my property) and I do not want the extra work and cost of having a hauler. I mulch all the time, but I can't do that with tree limbs etc.
121	8/3/2021	We have three properties to maintain and burning is the best method, do not want this stopped. Just like other items that are hard to dispose of, tires electronics, etc. people will dump wherever they want to avoid charges.	
122	8/3/2021	Leaves do cause a lot of burning in the fall. Set up a waste hauler to pick up leaves from the curb like in the village. It gets rid of the leaves and reduces burning, a win for seniors.	
123	8/3/2021	Open burning keeps this type of waste out of our Land Fills! Burning with common sense should not be a problem.  [REDACTED]  Ingleside.	
124	8/3/2021	I would leave it alone as much as possible, there are more important things to worry about right now.	
125	8/3/2021	Would like to make sure burning is safely done.	
126	8/9/2021	I would like to suggest that the county negotiate for a plan with a franchise that saves people money, but builds in a provision allowing that individual property	

		owners can petition to opt out (ex. by proving that another provider offers a better plan for their needs, such as if a property has unique circumstances or if costs don't remain low as promised). The opt out provision would help to put owners at ease that this is a WIN WIN for them, not an overreach that takes away their choice and ends up costing them more. A provider still benefits with a great opportunity to work with the county, and this kind of plan would ensure an improvement rather than a cause a hardship for residents.	
127	8/10/2021	My 20+ trees clean the air 365 days a year. I have to burn less than 10 times a year. My trees are doing more good tHan harm. A total ban will lead to people cutting down trees. Then other people can complain about dirty air because there are fewer trees to clean it.....Happy now ? Limiting days is reasonable. Total bans are not.	
128	8/11/2021	Our home on 1/4-1/3 acre has six mature maple trees (40+ yrs. old) and is professionally landscaped. We mulch grass clippings and to some extent the fall leaf fall. Leaf fall is so heavy it cannot all be mulched using garden tractor, plus leaves in the landscaped areas  can't be mulched by tractor.  We have a 5 ft diameter concrete ring in which we burn leaves, branches, flower debris.  A no burn policy will not work for our property.	
129	8/11/2021	We live on more than five heavily treed acres. We mulch and retain leaves and grass clippings on our property. We only burn downed branches and limbs. We pay for weekly waste removal and for a recycle bin. We are respectful of our neighbors, most of whom burn tree material and who have an equal or greater number of agricultural acres. We burn when necessary on designated days and only if the wind directs smoke away from all. Not one of our neighbors abuses this practice.  We hope that the County will be diligent in identifying the worst offenders by region. We hope the County clearly delineates between low-population agricultural areas and more densely populated regions whether these areas are unincorporated or other.  There trust that there is a reasonable solution that doesn't unfairly target some citizens with blanket legislation meant to prevent offenses where none exist.	
130	8/12/2021	We have a burn pit like at camp grounds and feel we would no longer be able to burn there to cook out. We only burn leaves in the late fall.	I would need to know the cost between franchising and choosing my own.
131	8/12/2021	I do not want to pay money for any service that I don't want. I mulch mostly everything. The township already comes by to pick up larger branches. It would be nice to set certain days of the week for burning so it minimizes the days exposed to the smoke.	




132	8/12/2021	I'm opposed to franchising and the no burning ban due to the fact my property butts up to the creek the other side to easement which are trees and in fact a # of trees that are dead, when we have high winds & storms there are way to many branches and bark. I can't afford to take on any extra bills. Not to mention there is already to many large & construction vehicles coming down Tiffany Rd.	
133	8/13/2021	I just spent 2 hours clearing downed branches and leaves from the storms this past week.  The only way to dispose of the waste is to burn it. The time to prepare for and cost of using a waste hauler is not an option. Pick up of storm waste and or pick up of fall leaves like is done in the village is a much better option, especially for a senior citizen. Leaf pick up in the fall=no burning.	
134	8/13/2021	I also have animal waste removal. Will the franchise hauler also pick this up for an additional fee? Would I be able to opt out of the franchise service if the fee is more than my current monthly bill? Would the hauler provide bins for us (household garbage, recycling). Would the hauler also do compost pick up (food waste in a bin for them to compost).	
135	8/14/2021	We have so many trees on our property that is next to impossible to bag leaves and that is currently our only other option.	
136	7/21/2021	I think that unincorporated areas of Lake County should remain free to burn as there are ample incorporated areas that residents can reside in should they not wish to be around open burning. Open burning is an expectation of living in an unincorporated area and restricting or eliminating such option takes away an "asset" that was otherwise there. While I understand some residents of unincorporated areas would prefer to restrict or eliminate such asset, they came to the nuisance, not the other way around. It would be inequitable to remove such activity because those who came to the area have a problem with an ongoing and prevalent "tradition."	
137	7/21/2021	Residents in Lake County are overburdened with service and utility fees and high taxes already, additional landscaping waste fees would not be acceptable.	
138	7/21/2021	If the country did roadside pick up of leaves included in our current taxes and fees (not additional) that would be great!	
139	7/21/2021	I feel open burning should continue. Relying on other corporations to handle removal of landscape waste would be inconvenient for homeowners. Whether that's waiting until pick up day or waiting for a government facility to pick it up.	
140	7/21/2021	I would like to see no restrictions, or worst case scenario, narrow restrictions. It is better for the environment and makes for great fertilizer. There is a reason why we live in an unincorporated area.	
141	7/21/2021	The amount of burning people do in this area is minimal, therefore taking this away is pointless. We have large lots and dragging tons of leaves to the curb or putting them in bags is very prohibitive and pointless.	
142	7/21/2021	I heard a lot about property size on the call and while I'm sure that is very true, please realize that those of us with smaller, mainly wooded properties, a full time job and a single income home have just as many struggles to keep up with the volume as perhaps a 5+ acre lot with	While I don't mind franchising to a hauler it should be both economical and convenient. Defeats the purpose if I need to fill 20+ bags with mulch, have them at the edge of the road

		only a handful of trees. Instead of acreage size perhaps volume should also be a consideration. My front yard tree is over 9 ft in circumference so it drops a lot of leaves and that's only one tree! Many other old, tall trees line the property. I try to stay on top of the leaves every weekend in the fall but sometimes have to just tackle it all in one weekend which likely would be unsustainable for a collection service given volumes and may still require me to burn or mulch in order to dispose of it before winter.	blowing around or needing to fill one landscape can a week when really I m
143	7/21/2021	Many of us have many many trees on our property and removing open burn would make our lives much more difficult then need be. Honestly I wasn't thrilled about the temporary change for COVID because no one asked anyone and the board just decided for the people that they knew better and put in a temp ban. Please go back to normal and leave the open burn as is or should I say to be clear leave it as was pre COVID.	
144	7/21/2021	I do not see any reason to make a change in this regard.	
145	7/21/2021	Let the incorporated residents who chose to live in these areas free to burn landscape waste as needed. I have a very wooded yard and constantly I am picking up sticks and debris. You can't expect people to start paying for things that they have been able to do for free forever.	
146	7/21/2021	I have over 10 acres mostly wooded. I don't burn leaves or grass (compost). I have to burn the wood not logged as it is not practical to do anything else with it.	
147	7/21/2021		I do not like the idea of having to pay for a waste hauler instead of being able to burn. There will be additional fees besides the service such a bags, cans, etc
148	7/21/2021	I have too much land for a service to take my landscaping.	
149	7/21/2021	I have lived in unincorporated Lake County for over 35 years. I live on a 2 acre lot and depend on the burning of yard waste to maintain my property. This has never been a problem, and I don't know why Lake County is making it one now. The Lake County government officials have to quit butting into matters that are working fine for the residents. More open space and less regulation is why I chose to live in unincorporated Lake County!	
150	7/21/2021	The reason I live in unincorporated Lake County is because there are fewer restrictions on what I can do on my property. My property and my neighborhood all consist of 1+ acre homesites. We don't need to be regulated further in our neighborhood. That is precisely why my neighbors and I chose to live here. If you start regulating waste hauling, open burning, etc. you are taking away what we like about our neighborhood. My neighbors and I are not stupid, we care about the environment, and we can regulate ourselves and our own properties.	

151	7/21/2021	We have a landscaping business and we use open burning once or twice a year for branches only. We compost most of our waste products. How would this impact those in our position?	
152	7/21/2021	I previously lived in unincorporated Lake County for eleven years and really appreciated the open burning option. My intention is move out of the municipality I am currently in and into unincorporated Lake County within the next two years.	
153	7/21/2021	No more regulations.....stop. We need to vote the people who think it is their job to create more rules out and remove their appointees and hires who do the same. Enough of your nonsense.	
154	7/21/2021	I have many large trees on my property that in the fall shed their leaves. It would be pain staking to try and bag all of the leaves rather than blowing them to my burn pit.	
155	7/21/2021		Can't afford another bill
156	7/21/2021	Find something better to champion. This is a waste of time and resources.	
157	7/21/2021	By limiting burning to certain days of the week you may be forcing people to burn when the weather is bad. ie rain, too windy or wind from the wrong direction. There are few good days to burn leaves! I do take my neighbors into consideration when I burn!	
158	7/21/2021	I receive a senior discount from waste hauler. my yard waste would cost me a fortune to haul away. adding a yard waste hauler would double trucks on roads hauling waste.	
159	7/21/2021	I think the county has bigger fish to fry than to worry about landscape waste burning !  For example, the ludicrous tax burden for property owners, crime in general and gas tax increases after J.B. ALREADY DOUBLED THE TAX LEVIED !!	
160	7/21/2021	I see no problem with burning dried twigs/branches that no one will pick up	
161	7/21/2021	I live in unincorporated Lake Villa. I have 10 large oak trees in my yard, along with all my neighbors having large oaks as well. I use Waste Mgmt yard waste service from April until Nov at a cost of roughly \$90 for the season, I am allowed 4 cans per week, I use the service for grass clippings, small branches, and weeds. 4 cans per week does nothing for the amount of leaves I have. Even if they allowed numerous cans/bags per week, I would need 100's of cans/bags for the season. I have to burn, that is the only option to get rid of my leaves. If I don't rake them up, I would have no grass, the leaves would be one foot high all over my yard and never go away, my yard would frankly look like crap, lowering my curb appeal and home value. Unless you give us vacuum service once a week during the fall, and also in the spring, oak leaves fall in the spring as well, there is no way for us to dispose of the amount of leaves we get each fall and spring. That is why burning works for us!!!!!!	
162	7/21/2021	Forced to Use Lakeside after Groot was taken away by the township as an approved vendor, the cost savings? Zero, services offered? Less, pickup service/scheduled time? Random time-No Attention to Details, some trash not completely picked up, spills along the route, that trash blows around the neighborhood, Satisfaction? None	Franchise not likely to offer a complete solution, leaving further actions / costs needed to do yard waste disposal

		<p>Against Leave Burning - Period Allergies, Sinus Problems, the Smell</p> <p>Random Wind direction determines who gets the smoke and smells</p> <p>Get a Yard Waste Service or do scheduled waste pickup by township / county</p> <p>Compost not a solution, amount of labor to do it right, smell is not confined</p>	
163	7/21/2021	I'm on 3 acres, heavily wooded, heavily naturalized. Incidents of extreme weather damage and oak fungal transfer can cause necessity of burning without incurring extreme expense of landscaping haul away. Invasive species of trees, brush, weeds requires diligent maintenance year round.	
164	7/21/2021	We are unincorporated and do not need any restrictions.	
165	7/21/2021	Open burning is common in my area. I have not heard of any complaints. It is convenient. I have another home where there is no open burning and is a pain to fill multiple containers and store for pickup. Also, the pickup is seasonal and many times all the fall cleanup is not picked up.	
166	7/21/2021	Leave this issue alone. Continue with open burning. If people don't like it, they can close windows, use their air conditioning or heating, or just move. I will not stop burning. These are freedoms that have been in place for decades. Don't try to take away peoples freedom	
167	7/21/2021	I have many trees (40) on a two lot home that slopes significantly down hill. It is extremely difficult to get my leaves to the road for pick-up. I can mulch about 25%. I normally burn whenever the weather permits from Oct 1st-Nov. 15. I am a senior and would be able to adhere to 3 days a week of opening burning. but if it rains it can be a big problem. I wish i could send you a picture, Or someone could come out at the end of October to see first hand.	
168	7/21/2021	<p>Our HOA - Countryside Manor - Libertyville Township previously paid for fall leaf collection service. We stopped a few years back when the price got to \$9500. We enquired with the Township to budget for the service and were told no. Warren, Algonquin and others provide this service, as do many other municipalities.</p> <p>I know you will eliminate this service, so this survey is mute so that you can feel good that you did ask us tax payers.</p>	
169	7/21/2021	To much regulating going on by the government	
170	7/21/2021	We live on a large wooded lot and must continually remove twigs, branches, etc. from our lot. We mulch our leaves. We provide a periodic campfire for our children and grand children. We are careful with our burning and the wind direction for when we burn.	
171	7/21/2021	Freedom to choose would be great. Why would I want to sign up for franchise waste management that could cost me more??? Wouldn't that put other companies out of business? I am support burning of natural waste not lumber, etc. What happens to	

		association, parks that do not have a budget for additional waste cost. Please allow campfires, forest prescribed burns
172	7/21/2021	For the people who have larger lots/acreage in unincorporated Lake County, open burning has been the best option for most of us to get rid of the waste. It gets expensive for someone to haul it away when you have larger properties and lots of trees. For people who are just on one small lot, they aren't as impacted as much. I do use Lake Villa Twp's free service of mulching up my branches, but I also like the ability to burn. LVT doesn't take the larger heavy logs, so I don't have many options to get rid of that except to burn. We do try to burn as much as possible in my small fire pit, which takes forever....
173	7/21/2021	I live on a farm and I don't think it is reasonable for me to be expected to package up my yard waste
174	7/21/2021	Fully restricting open burning of yard waste would burden homeowners with larger wooded parcels. A financial burden as well as the headache of trying to bag or haul away the enormous amount of leaves and branches a wooded property produces in a season of maintenance and up keep. I would rather see guidelines put in place for those who are not conscientious of the neighbors than to endure then burden of trying to maintain my parcel without being able to burn.
175	7/21/2021	We have to work with mother nature on days to burn or not burn. We can not be tied down to what the county may set up. Mother Nature can't read a calendar. We need the ability to make our own calculations as to weather conditions, dry conditions, wind direction and so on. I do not agree with any ban on burning in the unincorporated areas. We own 400 acres and need the freedom to clean up when conditions are right for us. And to be mandated to use a waste hauler is out of the question. With some of the wind storms we have had the last few years that is just not a practical solution for us. You need to keep agriculture land out of these regulations and be very careful not to over regulate everyone else either.
176	7/21/2021	I live on a 2 acre lot, Neighbour to the west has 5 1/2 acres and neighbor to the east has 11 acres. All three lots are heavily wooded. Changing the current laws on open burning would place a economic and labor intensive burden on my household. I'm against any changes to the laws that are on the books. Thanks
177	7/21/2021	keep open burn going way too many leaves to bag an put to the street
178	7/21/2021	Please allow those of us who utilize open burning to continue to do so, or increase the price of disposal on those who are complaining.
179	7/21/2021	We pay almost \$200 for our seasonal waste hauler. It is expensive. We fill out bin and continue to have more than the container holds. The excess we keep is burned. We live on a large piece of property. Without burning our property would go unkept and look over grown. We moved into unincorporated Lake County for the land and the loser rules/laws.  We have neighbors that burn all day and night which we do not do. We burn one pile, fast so that it does not smoke all day long.
180	7/21/2021	I have no problem with burning landscape waste. However, I notice people burning other types of waste, e.g mattresses, carpeting, etc., in unincorporated Lake County.

181	7/21/2021	<p>We specifically purchased our property in the unincorporated area for the benefits of slightly lower taxes and less restrictions. We also wanted more land. As we now have 2 acres and very mature landscaping with many trees and shrubs we need to open burn to dispose of all of the debris. It is too much to load up into tidy yard waste bags and haul out to the curb. We do not wish to be forced to pay for a yard waste service. Additionally, we enjoy sitting by the fire and spending quality time with our family as we dispose of the yard waste after a hard days work on the landscape.</p> <p>As Illinois residents and tax payers, we have enough taxes, fees, and restrictions set upon us. We will continue to safely open burn as needed.</p>
182	7/21/2021	<p>I live on 4 wooded acres and need the ability to burn downed trees and branches to keep my property looking good. It would be impractical to chip or haul off this material.</p>
183	7/21/2021	<p>the main problem is the size of what waste haulers will take. We don't want to waste time to cut wood /branches into little pieces. Also, the cost will be great for persons with larger yards.</p>
184	7/21/2021	<p>For residents who live on larger parcels...even within municipal limits...we need a place that we can inexpensively bring landscape waste to. If we cant burn it...what do we do with it...when trees and big branches come down...you cant call a landscaper every time and you cant chop trees into little brown bags. We need several locations in Lake County where residents can bring landscape waste too....that is INEXPENSIVE to residents. Don't ban burning...without provided a reasonable alternative. Hiring a Landscaper every time is NOT a reasonable alternative. Provide green transfer stations thru SWALCO or other....where you can drop your load of green. Maricopa County has a great example. Residents (No Commercial) can bring their materials to the location, any truck or trailer load is \$12 per drop. Materials are then chipped by the county. its a reasonable solution. Don't ban burning without a viable reasonably priced alternative. Landscapers are too expensive.</p>
185	7/21/2021	<p>References have been made that open burning affects the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Are these cases documented? I have not witnessed them. Truth be told, I also do not fully understand the current Covid restrictions on burning, but do comply. Yard waste is not included in my trash service. This seems like just another way to generate more revenue for the government and create higher costs for Illinois residents that already pay too much in taxes. Are you fabricating a solution to a problem that may not exist? Far too often it seems people move to an area and then want to change it into the place that they originally came from... Aside from college, I have lived in this area for over 40 years. I want to maintain my right to burn leaves, I want to maintain my right to have a fire in my backyard in the summertime and burn some logs. I chose to live in an unincorporated area because I want this rite as part of my lifestyle. Thank you.</p> <p>With best regards,  </p>

186	7/21/2021	<p>I would like to see burning continue. I have a landscaper but he does not remove large branches, brush or leaves without charging me. With having a half acre, being able to burn saves me money and I believe the environmental issues are minimal. I would also like to see the removal of restrictions as to when we can burn. If limited to just a few days per week to burn, the likelihood of more smoke issues increases. If burning is allowed at all times it "dilutes" the issue of smoke. Also, we have "controlled" burning in our forest preserves and this doesn't seem to create any issues.</p> <p>It is time for government to take a step back from the continued interference of our lives.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
187	7/21/2021	<p>The vast majority of my needs are taken care of by Prairie Land Disposal &amp; Recycling. But when I have a large branch come down or large amount of branch trimmings I use open burning.</p>
188	7/21/2021	<p>I have a double lot full of large oak trees.... In the fall/ spring I would have several hundred landscape bags full of leaves and sticks - I would not be able to afford having to pay to pick them up</p>
189	7/21/2021	<p>I am adamantly opposed to any ban on open landscape burning! Don't we have enough regulations without having this? I simply cannot afford to have a waste hauler haul away my landscape waste. If Lake County is willing to reimburse me for any such charges, great. If not, NO WAY SHOULD THIS BECOME A LAW!</p>
190	7/21/2021	<p>my experiences with waste haulers has not been great. They start out where you can put out small limbs and then at a later date say you cant do that any more. Also they request that you put your leaves in a bag designated by them and there is generally a cost associated with that. Generally you are only allowed to put out a certain number of waste bags.</p>
191	7/21/2021	<p>We have gotten too much government. You are not going to make everyone happy. Some things just need to be left alone. I'd like to see more concern over illegal fireworks than burning landscape waste.</p>
192	7/21/2021	<p>Our Township has a very good waste contract and would be opposed to the County changing that contract.</p>
193	7/21/2021	<p>We enjoy a wood fire, and a long as we keep it small and contained (we keep the water hose within reach just in case) I don't see why we'd have to give it up. We never burn leaves because they can be irritating to people's respiratory systems. We consider sitting around a fire one of the few free luxuries we have left.</p>
194	7/21/2021	<p>If you are going to charge for leaves disposal, come here to Unincorporated Lake Co to chop down all of these unwanted sickly trees and take them away. You come to clear tree limbs for electrical wires leaving unsightly, v-shaped trees in your wake. Take them down already! Do you think this looks like 'nature' when you remove the middle of the tree leaving it v- shaped?!? I have no intention of paying for leaves removal in this forested area where I live. Half of the leaves are from other lots! And what about senior citizens! We are going to rake a tonof leaves, and put them in bags!?! I don't think so.</p>

195	7/21/2021	We have acreage with woods. We are constantly picking up dead branches and cutting back our trees on the easement . This is a 3 season job and need to burn as there is no way to bundle all the branches and limbs. We do it respectfully with a designated area with a rake and water hose, watching the fire.	
196	7/21/2021	I feel sorry for homeowners with lovely wooded lots if you pass these restrictions. we already have trucks driving around for tree branches, leaves, garbage and recycle! 🗑️  After watching the video from the meeting, it sounds like you already made up your minds!	Did you figure out if the pollution will be greater with more trucks going down roads and more plastic being made for refuse bins versus open burning?  I use the ashes, from the little burning we do, for my compost bin. Perhaps you can educate the public
197	7/21/2021		Already have waste hauling
198	7/21/2021	There are hundreds of more important issues the board should be concerned about while spending the taxpayer money. Open burning should be on the bottom of list. People choose to live in unincorporated areas because of open burn, if there is ban, many will move out.	
199	7/21/2021	Franchise is just another term for monopoly & doesn't usually work out too well for consumers. Also, stating that a large lot is 5+ acres is ridiculous. That means that only wealthy people would be applicable to open burn, and most people in that income bracket probably hire out landscaping. On the last video meeting it was clear that the large majority does not want this. Allow open burn on alternate days, if that will help, but restricting it to lots of 5+ acres is a way to discriminate against lower income residents.	
200	7/21/2021	How does one bag large branches and brush that is currently being burned or chipped by the township? What happens to all the hours spent on wood chipping by the township? Does this cause a reduction in staff as most of their summer work is redundant? Restrictions on open burn is ridiculous and should not be done.	
201	7/21/2021	There is no need for yet more regulation. Whether or not to do open burning should be up to the homeowner. Period.	
202	7/21/2021	Open burning is the only practical method of elimination the brush associated with maintaining nearly a mile of AG fencing	My landscape waste would block the road
203	7/21/2021	I live in Lake County because the property is larger and has more trees than those offered in the colar Counties. With this comes large branches and trees that die, that must be removed. There is no way to dispose of this through a waste hauler, so burning is the only real option. I perform most of my burning in the cold weather seasons, when no one is outside, but there are still summer storms so I'm forced to burn during the summer.  Avon went to Lake Waste hauler, and it's been horrible. First there was no communication of the change. The green bins would be composted. I have seen them pick up the green bins with regular waste, so there is no way they are composting this waste. I've complained several times, yet they still do this practice	



		<p>at other homes.</p> <p>Finally, the real problem with regulations is allowing for exceptions. If the purpose is to improve air quality, then the forest preserve and large properties, back yard recreational fires, should be banned.</p>	
204	7/21/2021	I believe restrictions will create difficulty in many agricultural operations as labor is getting more scarce to haul debris, and more time spent hauling means less time working around the farm. Thank you for listening.	
205	7/21/2021	DO NOT BAN!! This is a country founded on the ideas of being free. A ban on burning does nothing but take away our freedom to dispose of landscape waste as we choose.	
206	7/21/2021	There's a reason people chose to live in unincorporated Lake Villa because they didn't want all the restrictions within the township. It seems most of this wanting to end open burning is because of complaints from people who have moved from incorporated to unincorporated but want the same restrictions. If you want restrictions stay in incorporated. Don't move to a neighborhood that has open burning. Do your homework! I have a fairly new neighbor(I've been here 50+ years) who wants me to move my burn pit because their child has allergies. I said sorry but no. You should have checked out the neighborhood you were moving in to. You don't move into a new neighborhood and demand they change because it's not convenient for you. Not to mention most homes have their windows closed during the summer because their ac is on. MOVE BACK TO INCORPORATED!! What's next??? Take away bonfires???	
207	7/21/2021	I use open burning to get rid of all of my landscape waste and disallowing it would add significant costs to me.	
208	7/22/2021	<p>If the previous question means landscape waste, I do not utilize a landscape waste company.</p> <p>If you mean regular garbage waste then yes, I get billed quarterly.</p> <p>When people move into unincorporated areas we do so because there are less rules and more freedom. Also it tends to be less taxes. We do so knowingly. I respectfully ask that you represent us in this fashion and allow us to be!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>██████████</p>	<p>Our taxes are now so high in unincorporated Lake County, if you take away our right to open burn you will add more unreasonable costs to our property!</p>
209	7/22/2021	My waste hauling bill comes every 2 months just over \$100	
210	7/22/2021	The amount of leaves and small brush items on the size of our property makes it cost prohibitive to have a huge number of bags picked up and transported. It also makes it hard to totally compost because of the size of the area we would need to do it on	

		our property. We burn a few days each season and the debris is gone. We should continue to have this option available to us.
211	7/22/2021	I compost ASAP, I also recycle a significant amount of whatever is waste
212	7/22/2021	<p>We currently live in unincorporated Lake Villa, which is an older subdivision that is full of old growth oak trees. We have always been compliant with the Lake County burning policy. If the board decides to take burning away from us, how do we dispose all our leaves? There is no way we can afford to put all those leaves in disposable bags. We could easily go through 100+ bags a season. I also checked with our township supervisor and they don't have leaf disposal available to their residence.</p> <p>If the homeowners start ignoring the leaves in the fall/winter months, the leaves will wind up on the roadways or in the drainage systems. In your effort to solve one issue you're creating several more potential issues. Not to mention the taxes in Lake County has increased significantly and residence on fixed incomes can't afford living here anymore. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
213	7/22/2021	There should be a central place where we can take yard waste so we don't have to pay extra to get rid of the waste
214	7/22/2021	I am tired of having my rights and freedoms infringed upon. This should be voted on as a referendum, the voice of the people not just a few board members.
215	7/22/2021	I don't like it because taxes will most likely go up so too the service.
216	7/22/2021	If you own a heavily wooded lot, burning is your only realistic option. People move to the country for the "lovely parklike setting" and then bellyache about what is required to maintain the property.
217	7/22/2021	<p>Please continue to allow open burns.</p> <p>Especially on larger lots (1/2acre plus), this allowing us to maintain our properties.</p> <p>Thank You!</p>
218	7/22/2021	None
219	7/22/2021	I consider myself to be a conscientious and responsible homeowner who has been burning for 35 years. With two Eagle Scouts, we've had many bonfires. I have a one acre lot that backs up to open pasture and woods. We do live in the greenbelt between the tollway and the DesPlaines River I pay attention to the weather conditions, and wind direction. When I burn yards waste, it is dry, I burn fast to minimize smoke, when I burn leaves I power burn with a leaf blower to oxygenate the burn with minimal smoke. Unfortunately we've lost seven mature ash trees to the ash bore beetle and we are losing 5 blue spruce to disease. I cut down my own trees and prune our ornamental trees...it's amazing how fast the trimmings add up. But, it is one of the reasons we love living in an unincorporated area. Unfortunately there are those who don't care, are careless, and abuse it. If restriction is necessary I would hope it would be localized, not a blanket restriction, not every area is the same.

220	7/22/2021	Open burning is safe and natural. without incurring costs and environmental damage from trucks hauling the debris away.	Not interested in any service. We follow the law from the sheriff, fire and health department.
221	7/22/2021	We're fortunate and can afford waste service, however, \$800-1200 to transport leaves every year is a needless expense. That is a very significant amount of money for some people, so I can imagine this will lead to illegal dumping.	Our leaf piles are enormous. Just moving the leaves to a pick-up location would not be efficient environmentally (gas blowers/noise). The five houses on our block would repeatedly fill a typical 20-25 cubic yard landscape truck. Banning leaf burning do
222	7/22/2021	I live in a country setting and burning is and always been a way of life	
223	7/22/2021	Opening burning provides the freedom to choose what I can do to maintain cleanliness  and appeal to my property on a daily basis. It is cost efficient and should not be eliminated. Restrict hours if necessary and/or days. Small burns at night in outdoor fireplaces and/or bonfires are wonderful	
224	7/22/2021	My burning is infrequent. We wait for a reasonable size pile we are sure we can manage. I believe the burning done by the Lake County Forest Preserve has a far greater impact than the small amount of burning I do.	
225	7/22/2021	I personally use the ash generated when I burn to help my garden grow.	
226	7/22/2021	It would be difficult to dispose of and store all yard waste without the ability to burn	
227	7/22/2021	<p>I am on an acre and do not collect my grass clippings, but I have a lot of trees, shrubs and brush that constantly need maintaing because of natural defoliation and because of storms.</p> <p>When you even restrict burning on certain times (other than day light) or days you are forcing DANGEROUS burning times because of wind. If I have a pile of landscape waste to burn, I always burn when the wind is calm.</p> <p>I don't think the county is watching construction and commercial burning of treated materials which spew dangerous gases into the air.</p> <p>Also, included in this burning, diesel and gas truck emission spewing this black smoke into the air. I am reminded of this every time I get my cars tested and see truck after truck spewing this black crap into the air and are not being ticketed for .</p> <p>Thank you for the oppportunity to this cleaner air survey. Leo A Dietrich</p>	
228	7/22/2021	We live on 3/4 acre of land mostly wooded. We bought this property because it was unincorporated Antioch , and we could dispose of the trees, tree limbs and leaves in a cost effective manner ( burning). If the government bans all burning, we would be forced to relocate. I am retiring in a few months and this is coming at a very bad time for us.	

229	7/22/2021	This seems like County sponsored cash grab by the Waste Haulers to extract cash from Homeowners. Is there really a problem? Where are the studies? Why are the questions in this survey designed to imply a particular position?	
230	7/22/2021	<p>I OPPOSE any ban on open burning, especially for leaves.</p> <p>I've got over 1.6 acres of Oak trees at my unincorporated Lake County home. I use a Cyclone Rake to suck up my leaves. Its container has a 285 gallon capacity (1.4 cu yds). At the height of the leaf falling, I can fill it up 5 - 6 or more times per day. Yes, I don't do it every day, but I can do it twice a week.</p> <p>I burn what I can, because Oak leaves do not decompose as well and as fast as maple and other trees' leaves. Burning leaves in Lake County is not only a Fall tradition; it's a necessity for me, and others like me.</p>	
231	7/22/2021	we live on +1 acre land with many trees with a need to dispose of large branches at various times during the year. Put on burn pile (which is in an open area) and when we get enough to burn we do.	bigger branches and limbs, especially from dead or fallen trees, are not taken by haulers, they don't fit in bag.
232	7/22/2021	do not restrict open burning. branches and logs collect all the time and you cannot put in bags.	
233	7/22/2021	We have a wooded .5 acre. I couldn't possibly bring all yard waste to the curb for vacuuming. I haul leaves on a huge tarp to move them. Or I bag for my contracted yard waste pickup. I pay for unlimited yard waste and have a large vendor provided container. I can also use leaf bags for more and don't need to purchase stickers for the bags. No stickers needed is important to me as some weeks I have 25 bags plus the container.	
234	7/22/2021	We have over 5 acres and some is ag zoned. It would be cost prohibitive to pay for waste disposal.	Fremont Township already has this.
235	7/22/2021	<p>Hiring a company to haul away our landscape waste would be extremely expensive</p> <p>We live on 200 acres and our amount of waste is never consistent. Weather has a huge impact</p>	
236	7/22/2021	In our area we are restricted to burning only wood, no leaves or vegetation to keep down the smoke. That seems appropriate and easy to comply with. Other than that, open burning should be left as it is.	
237	7/22/2021	I don't know if you know we have out here half acre to 2 acre lots kind of expensive to hold his crap away	
238	7/22/2021	We are not in a residential area and therefore, oppose regulations on us	
239	7/23/2021	We are happy to have open burning rights. The county will not pay for it if waste hauling is charged. More cost to residents.	
240	7/23/2021	I have lived in my house for over 40 years and have been burning leaves the entire time and not one of my neighbors have complained. they pretty much all burn their leaves to. we all have large mature trees. I know if I end up paying for leave removal. I will just cut down all my trees. I am retired and on a fixed income. the last thing I need is another bill. My neighbors have said pretty much the same thing.	

241	7/23/2021	<p>We have over an acre of wooded property and feel great concern that we can't cut up all the limbs and debris that maintaining the property takes if we have to use a waste hauler.</p> <p>We only burn in spring and fall unless there is a strong windstorm that brings down limbs.</p> <p>We understand if we have to only burn on select days of the week, but strongly object to total open burning ban.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>██████████</p>
242	7/23/2021	<p>We chose to live in an unincorporated area as we feel municipal ordinances are too many, too expensive and too restrictive. Open burning is just one example. There are far more things that have greater impact on our air quality than open burning in the limited unincorporated areas. Open burning is generally limited and seasonal. Whereas other pollution is continuous, and likely more dangerous to our health, for example the emissions from Sterigenics and like facilities. We should limit burning only as to set back - 50' not 500', privately owned residential properties, and weather related fire risk.</p>
243	7/23/2021	<p>As indicated in my responses, I primarily burn wood - dead trees that have come down and buckthorn (LOTS of buckthorn). It would be completely unviable to have a waste hauling service remove all the buckthorn I cut down each year on my property. People with larger, wooded lots really have little choice other than to burn. Since I don't burn leaves, the fires I have are hot and produce very little smoke compared to burning leaf piles. Perhaps if restrictions are necessary you could consider differentiating between burning leaves and other wood materials, since burning leaves tends to produce much more smoke.</p> <p>With buckthorn specifically, I believe it is important to keep working to eliminate this invasive species from our area. I do my part by cutting down as much as I can each year, but if open burning were banned I would have no choice but to stop and let it take over my property again. There's just too much of it to get rid of any other way.</p>
244	7/23/2021	<p>Please publish statistics:</p> <p>How many total residents live in unincorporated LC?</p> <p>How many unincorporated LC residents responded to both of the surveys?</p> <p>How many LC residents, NOT in unincorporated LC responded to the survey?</p> <p>Were all of LC residents allowed to take the survey?</p> <p>How many of the Board members live in unincorporated LC?</p>
245	7/23/2021	<p>While I am completely on board with restrictions on burning toxic items (trash, plastic, etc.) and during extreme fire danger, I am opposed to restrictions being</p>

		placed on simple backyard fires to reduce leaves, sticks, etc. Many residents live in this region for the benefits that come with being unincorporated and have yards that reflect that need (ie more brush, trees, leaves, etc.). While everyone should practice safe burning (appropriate items, hot fires to reduce smoke, etc.) and be educated on such, the answer shouldn't be slapping on restrictions, but rather educating.	
246	7/23/2021	It sound like you guys are being paid by the waste companies in favors and or background donations. Stop.	YOU took a poll. It was overwhelmingly negative... Here you are again, phishing for the answers you want to hear. You guys are clearly being paid. Stop infringing on our personal freedoms. You have nothing to add...The Poll said NO. No means no.
247	7/23/2021	It's a health hazard for all to breath that burning stuff. You can see and smell for miles. Burns eyes and throat. Too uncomfortable to be outside. I strongly oppose to the point of selling and moving if allowed to burn.	
248	7/24/2021		too much waste to haul. I would have 1000 bags of leaves
249	7/24/2021	One of the primary reasons we chose to live in an unincorporated area (aka "the country") with a larger lot and neighbors at a comfortable distance, was to enjoy trees, nature, occasional bonfires, etc. -- reasonable freedoms for privately-owned property in a less densely populated area. We do not agree with further restrictions on how and when we are able to safely maintain, use, and responsibly enjoy our property.	
250	7/24/2021	I Pay my waste bill once for the whole year of services and save money. My waste hauler is reliable, allow once per week larger items, allow the use of the smallest recycle container. Waste Management is too expensive and constantly raises their rates every year to a ridiculous level.	
251	7/24/2021	Shady side deal with waste haulers? How can the county say we can't burn yard waste out of necessity to maintain, but we can have campfires. It's all similar natural materials. To minimize trucks on road, you suggest franchise of haulers, which limits our freedom of choice. If you left open burning, there wouldn't be yard waste truck on the road at all. Data interpretation of last survey in the meeting was slanted. You bulked non-respondents and people that are open to some restriction into a group of people that want impositions. Being open to it does not mean they are in favor. Wording of question skews the results against people that want open burning. This feels like an infringement on freedom. If I wanted to live in an area with a burning ban, I would have moved there. Unincorporated does not have the same services and service levels as municipalities. Trade off is we have flexibility of choice. The smell when neighbors burn leaves is nostalgic and good for my mental health.	
252	7/24/2021	If you want to have an option for people that can burn or sign up for service that is one thing, but to totally change and restrict Open Burning is ridiculous and a waste of funds being used	When purchasing my property, I Specifically looked for unincorporated because of less restrictions on everything. If I wanted to have a restrictions, I

		when they can be used for more important things.	would have looked into incorporated areas. STOP trying to change things that upset the Karen's & Kevin's
253	7/24/2021	Large wooded lots with mature trees create a lot of landscape waste and there should be no restrictions for the dead vegetation to be burned in an enclosed burn pile.	
254	7/24/2021		I don't want to franchise or get a water hauler
255	7/24/2021	I don't think county should be able to tell us what we can do on our property, we don't burn often and we burn responsibly. It is nice to have a bonfire with small tree branches, twigs I the Spring, Fall, Winter. Can have township pick up small tree trimmings, leaf pick up and it's part of township service. We have leave suckup truck come around weekly. Sometimes waste management does it's a deal with Warren Township	
256	7/24/2021	Taking away our right to burn will cause leaves to be blown unto the roads. It will also increase landfill usage which will then increase the cost of waste disposal.	
257	7/25/2021	Keep open burn. It's only occasional, and not every day.	
258	7/25/2021	We own 3 acres and have lived here for over 30 years. We compost, use no chemicals and provide wildlife habitats for the animals. What we have difficulty with is the buckthorn which we continually take down, and the aging trees that lose limbs. I have used a tree service to chop up the branches and then have used the branches as mulch but this is very expensive. We don't burn much. Maybe 3-4 times a year. I don't like to do it, but have no other efficient way to dispose of limbs. We try to burn at times when no one is outside. We do however, back up to the Liberty Prairie which gets burned almost every year. I don't see how that can continue if you prohibit homeowners. Most of us live on multiple acres so our neighbors are not close.	
259	7/25/2021	We must consider that In unincorporated lake county, the distance between residences is often greater and provides a safer environment for burns.	
260	7/25/2021	Open burn is an important part of this community and shouldn't be considered an option for deletion. Keep the open burn and concentrate on more important.	
261	7/25/2021	I find it irritating to have such tight restrictions on burning, when I have to listen to and be annoyed by all the things allowed at Stevenson HS. I listen to excessive noise and the various activities they have. Restricting my activities does not seem fair. It is why I want to move out of this area.	
262	7/25/2021	I am opposed to restrictions of lot size for open burning.	
263	7/25/2021	We currently have the highest property tax in the country and now you are asking us to pay for disposal of yard waste that does not cost anything by burning. I am in an area where there are no homes with in 1000 ft of where I burn. I addition I watch the wind direction to ensure no one is effected by my burning. In the last survey majority of the respondents 47%	I do not want anything that would increase my cost.

		wanted no restrictions. No ONE other option even came close.
264	7/25/2021	<p>Recognizing that there are burning restrictions in many of the incorporated areas of LC burning in the unincorporated areas where there is more open space does not appear to create problems. If a person has a compromised breathing condition they should know to protect themselves which further minimizes health concerns.</p> <p>For the larger residential properties (ie. &gt;1 acre) there can be a notable financial impact on these homeowners (&amp; perhaps create a negative incentive) for maintaining their properties which could detract from the pleasant surrounding of these more remote neighborhood areas. This could also affect property values &amp; eventually have a negative impact on the tax contribution from these areas.</p> <p>Being environmentally responsible as a community is important but penalizing a small percentage of the homeowners seems to create a burden to these larger lot owners. Having selected days for burning (ie. Tu, Th, Sa) could be an excellent alternative to satisfy all concerned.</p>
265	7/25/2021	I like limited landscape waste burning.
266	7/26/2021	People with larger properties to maintain need the ability to burn yard waste because it would put a larger additional work load on the home owners to move and further process yard waste for pick up. Also large piles of yard waste in front of peoples properties and unsightly. The only restriction I would like to be considered is restrictions on days of high wind as it can cause unwanted fires and blow smoke into other properties that may not be wanted.
267	7/26/2021	<p>A family backyard campfire is a wonderful bonding activity and should be allowed. Families have longtime enjoyed hot dogs on a stick and smores, joyful time with our families.</p> <p>An alternative to waste burning must be provided. Trees and bushes need to be trimmed to maintain their health and functionality: providing shade without interfering with buildings or service vehicles (i.e. snowplow and garbage trucks). Gurnee's requirement to cut and bundle limbs is not a reasonable alternative. Offering delivery of wood chips to residents would be a nice trade-off and incentive. Also saves the cost of hauling them to a processing facility. Warren Township provides the perfect brush pickup program.</p>
268	7/26/2021	If we are looking to protect against health issues, then I see a designated time as the best option. Burning has taken place for centuries and no individuals with good health have reported immediate issues and long term issues can't be traced to the source. However, I know a lot of individuals have compromised health and I'm considerate of that; so if we must move forward then I select a limited time frame or manner that it can be done and everyone will be aware and can choose options that are best to protect their health. However, the park district/forest preserves do open burns, so if we are going to limit individual rights then we must limit all active participants, which isn't what I choose, since burning can be beneficial and is just as beneficial to my land as it is to the public's.
269	7/26/2021	People should be allowed to burn landscape waste because that is what would naturally occur a lot more anyways if it wasn't for humans.



270	7/27/2021	<p>I live at [REDACTED] unincorp. I have a easy a couple hundred trees on my 2 acres, some neighbors do also. I have a landscaper now and another to quote on leave waste, both said basically you have got to be kidding. They blow in the woods gigantic piles of leaves (the ones i don't rake and burn) into my wooded areas. Scares the heck out of us that that is a real fire hazzard. If I couldn't burn the ones I do I honestly would think of moving due to the issue of so many. Now I only burn in Fall maybe 3-4 times at most. I and cetainly some of my neighbors are very concerned about a ban. Please come visit my house and yard to understand the issue we would have.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	
271	7/27/2021	<p>I chose to live in unincorporated Wauconda and the area I do for its beauty and natural tree landscape. My property is surrounded by trees and we get an astronomical amount of leaves in the fall. And during storms branches fall and have to be disposed of. And many trees in the wooded area have to be pruned and or die and must be cut down. We are fortunate that we could burn our leaves and branches without having to worry about putting them in brown paper bags to be hauled away. As that would be a laborious job. It is not to our benefit to haul off leaves. There is a matter of safety for our property as we dispose of the leaves they aren't there to burn randomly if something should go wrong. Leaves many times are blown into the forest and a slow-burn has to be done in order to protect the boundaries of our property. It does become a safety issue for us. And our well-being. It would be greatly appreciated if you took into consideration with people having large lots permission to burn.</p>	<p>There would be no way I could bag all my leaves for a franchisor to take away. It would take me forever. The amount of leaves I have is exceeds most people's yard waste.</p>
272	7/27/2021	<p>We like to entertain around a campfire. We have a fireplace. I chose to live in unincorporated for these reasons.</p>	
273	7/27/2021		<p>The cost for waste management is too high currently. I would only participate/agree if the cost is lowered.</p>
274	7/27/2021	<p>Cleans up the landscape</p>	
275	7/27/2021	<p>I am not sure why restrictions would be put on this in unincorporated area that typically have more space for safety, but also and as a result more property to manage. To ask people to hire a company or pay an extra bill you are essentially discouraging rural living and St a time when so many people are getting back on their financial feet, why add an extra cost?</p>	

276	7/27/2021	There is no reason to have the government to intervene if the burning rules are specifically stated as the majority comply. Stop trying to govern and require because of those who may not.	
277	7/28/2021		We live in an extremely wooded area with hundreds of large oak and hickory trees. The leaves come down in the fall and cover the entire 2 acre property with over 10 inches of leaves. This would be a massive pile of leaves to haul away. Several truck lo
278	7/28/2021	I am a senior and can't imagine trying to bundle up or package my yard waste to have it picked up, and I can't hire someone to do it. I've lived here for 35 years and don't know why any changes are necessary. If these options would somehow make more money for you, surely there must be some other way to accomplish that.	I don't know what franchising is, but if it costs anything, I won't be able to pay for it.
279	7/28/2021	We moved to an unincorporated area for a reason and it seems like people are trying to impose the same rules as an incorporated area on us now	
280	7/28/2021	We moved out here to get away from municipality politics. Don't use the pandemic while people are vulnerable as an excuse to make permanent restrictions. That is sneaky. I will absolutely consider leaving lake county and Illinois, much like many of our neighbors if this crap continues. The temporary restrictions need to be lifted and leave it alone.	
281	7/28/2021	We are opposed to bans on open burning in Lake county. Disposal of yard waste where we live in Wauconda is not available from the township. There is a portion of Virginia Lane that is secluded where many people dispose of not only yard waste but tires, furniture and remodeling debris. This illegal dumping of yard waste will increase. We live on 2.146 acres. When we built our home in 2000 we were not permitted to remove any trees to accommodate the placement of our house. We have more square footage of landscape and vegetable garden beds than most 10 4ftX12ft and 1 20ft x 30ft veg beds, and 400+sq ft of landscape beds near the house. We compost a great deal of yard waste but can NOT compost it all in a timely manner. We even share some of our excess compost with friends and relatives. Contracting the removal of our excess yard waste would place an additional financial burden on our family in this time of economic hardship. Many say this would force them to burn at night.	
282	7/28/2021	Please let us continue to burn our lawn waste. We have many large oak trees and a huge amount of leaves.	
283	7/28/2021	A reasonable open burn policy is essential!	
284	7/28/2021	I continue to fight the battle of Buckthorn and other invasive plant/tree species on my property. Burning these after properly removing them has been the only way I could have made the progress I have.	

285	7/28/2021	<p>Everywhere I see Waste management get involved we get screwed in the long run.</p> <p>Just like recycling!!!! They are now just dumping it in the normal landfill and we are paying for it!!!!</p> <p>I have seen it for my own eyes while I was at the Grayslake dump!!!</p>
286	7/28/2021	<p>I do not support franchising because it takes away my ability to choose what services I need and pay for. I do however appreciate the reduction of traffic.</p>
287	7/28/2021	<p>I live on 4 acres surrounded by trees. I do not know how I will be able to get rid of leaves and small brush and branches without burning them .</p>
288	7/28/2021	<p>unrestricted open burning and free hauling</p>
289	7/28/2021	<p>I do not like the proposed restrictions. One main reason we moved to an unincorporated was more freedom from government restrictions.</p>
290	7/28/2021	<p>First we were forced to use a specific waste hauler and now we're in danger of being required to spend even more money to haul away our landscaping waste. Sounds like someone is making a big dollar on tax payers backs. Additionally, yet another freedom is taken away. Put this with our high taxes making this a terrible deal.</p>
291	7/28/2021	<p>For those of us who live on large plots of land with a significant amount of landscape waste it is hard to maintain our properties and manage the invasive plants without the use of open burns. The amount of buckthorn alone could not be handled without the ability to burn.</p>
292	7/28/2021	<p>I want to reserve my right to burn wood and brush. We already have enough laws and regulations to follow.</p> <p>I doubt waste haulers would take significant amounts of wood. Too late for the franchise as I live in Fremont Township. The leaf service from Groot last fall worked well and I used that rather than mulching them.</p>
293	7/28/2021	<p>we have 2.5 acres with lots of trees and brush, there is no brush pickup service for us. Burning is the only way to keep it maintained without massive expense to us and/or taxpayer subsidizing. Pickup services also require resources (fuel, engine oil/fluids, roads, tires, vehicle exhaust, etc) that are also detrimental to the environment, so we don't see any benefit by converting to that a pickup method.</p>
294	7/28/2021	<p>Please don't take this vital homeowner right &amp; responsibility away. It's completely irresponsible to do so. We allow industries, autos to discharge all kinds of other things in the air. Do you charge yuppies extra for their Hummers &amp; giant SUVs? Big Industries? Nope. Why penalize me? Can't afford. Need to do this! Very responsible. Trying to maintain beauty, green things, Nature, rural way of life. We were here before the yuppies. Please try to understand! Leave us alone! I pay for my property taxes. No one should tell me how to maintain it! Fire is part of Natural Cycles! Gonna charge the Forest Preserve?</p> <p>KEEP OPEN BURNING!!!👉🦋🌻🍄🌿us</p>

295	7/29/2021	Currently have to pay extra for landscape waste removal. That is a disincentive to recycling landscape waste.	
296	7/29/2021	Please do not restrict ecological prescribed burning and burning of invasive brush on private and public property.	
297	7/29/2021	Owning property on flood plain with lots of trees would make it difficult, if not impossible, to dispose of wood debris without burning. Since this is our second home, restricted dates and times would also be an issue.	
298	7/29/2021	Try doing something for the residents and not to the residents.  So where is highway 53 replacement?	
299	7/29/2021	If the smoke from personal burning of yard waste is detrimental to people and environment, than any ban of burning should include forest preserve, State, and local municipalities performing "controlled burns" - There is far more impact from a 5 acre swamp burn than the people in unincorporated lake co burning their leaves and misc. yard waste.	
300	7/29/2021	I love the smell of burning leaves in the fall..and it stupid to expect home owners to collect acres of leaves to gather them and the added expense of hauling.	
301	7/29/2021	Burning yard waste (leaves, branches) is part of rural/suburban living. I love the aroma of burning leaves ... It would be a shame to have another characteristic of rural/suburban living go by the wayside.	
302	7/29/2021	I want to be able to burn my waist Responsibly	
303	7/29/2021	Warren Township picks up some of the branches but not 6 inches or larger diameter branches. Limiting to certain days depends on the weather, this is not a realistic plan, open burning is controlled by mother nature.	I have a lot of trees to maintain on my 5 acres, and the area here is the same. I maintain my own trees. Cannot pay for removal of them.
304	7/29/2021	I wouldn't do anything with the regulation of open burning regulations. The Negatives far outweigh the positives. Amongst the majority of the county. In city limits there's not enough room for fire pits or fumes. In unincorporated some property lines extend for acres on out. Thus requiring the ability to burn brush and leaves at the property owners leisure.	im opposing waste hauling franchise. It removes the ability to chose your trusted hauling service, unnecessary bills for those who have a little vs a lot. Those with approved and grandfathered fire pits will become useless. unnecessary waste of baggi
305	7/30/2021	We have 7 gargantuan oak trees estimated to be 200 years old each. We also have dozens of other trees and bushes that drop massive amount of leaves. Every fall, it is an Olympic feat to clean the yard of all the leaves. I can't fathom how many hundreds of yard waste bags we would need to remove the leaves from our yard. Thank goodness we can burn the leaves on ANY DAY THAT WIND CONDITIONS ALLOW SAFETY and less nuisance to the neighbors.  As far as the curbside leaf pickup offered last fall, our yard produces Mt. Everest piles of leaves and would easily fill your truck. Our location is problematic, since we are tucked inside a corner lot and literally have no curbside footage. If placed in the street, our Mt. Everest piles of leaves would surely pose a safety hazard and I'm sure	

		<p>the neighbors would not like these leaves to blow into their yard.</p> <p>If you find our situation hard to believe, we invite you to our yard but you must bring a rake, tarp, and expect to work many, many long days.</p>	
306	7/30/2021	<p>This is an agenda! Prompting residents for a desired result is always bad government.</p> <p>Have Lake County residents asked for this? No.</p>	
307	7/30/2021	<p>how about the county board put out a flier to all county mail boxes ,schools, churches, all organizations, business', hospitals, scout troupes, on proper opening, safety, and dangers associated with open burning, TWICE A YEAR SPTEMBER 1ST AND MARCH 1ST.</p> <p>EDUCATE PEOPLE--DON'T HAVE THE POPLA PAY MORE. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY</p> <p>My idea is the least expensive way.</p>	<p>ANY service to collect the waste WILL COST MORE, no matter what</p> <p>I barely make enough to pay taxes and services to get by/ I'm 75. on Social security.</p> <p>I get the CPI increase ( consumer price index) It was about ! % for the last 4 years.</p> <p>You should get</p>
308	7/30/2021		<p>I like how everything works right now and I don't want it to change. I pick my hauler, they have great services (accept extra trash bags and large items), I have a lot of property and open burning is much more effective than bundling for hauling.</p>
309	7/30/2021	<p>What is the goal by restricting open burning in lake county? What are the metrics that show any benefits of restrictions or banning of allowed burning?</p> <p>If overall health is the issue, examine the data which shows benefits of restrictions. Will the restrictions include in home fire place burning? Backyard open fire pits? Does it include county wide open burning of all types including the forest preserve?</p> <p>Can it be unequivocally stated that the collective effects of burning from home fireplaces, backyard open fire pits and forestry burns are less than the limited number of property owners who have a need for occasional burning? Let's review the data.</p> <p>Put in place a policy which fairly meets the needs of all residents .The needs of residents with property of 1 acre or more mandates the necessity for occasional burning. It is necessary to maintain clean ascetics of the property. Burning of landscape material on residential property of 1 acre or more should continue to be allowed.</p>	
310	7/30/2021	<p>If I could not burn my leaves a few at a time I would have to leave them to blow about the</p>	<p>I have no use for a waste hauler, my kind neighbors allow me to</p>

		neighborhood and pile up around my house. I never burn on windy days, always have water handy, keep my fires very small and am courteous of my neighbors. Please have some concern for those of us who are not wealthy and want to keep our places looking nice.	put my small bag of garbage in their cans. I recycle everything I can, I compost everything I can. I am a senior and cannot afford the numerous bags my leaves would require, nor could I bag
311	7/30/2021	I think as long as you are only burning wood and leaves there should be no restrictions on open burning as long as it is done in a safe manner. Lake County has always been more rural than Cook and other counties and most of us who moved here like it for that reason.	
312	7/30/2021	If townships are having problems, they should regulate. Govt doesn't need to be involved in every aspect of our lives. whats right for one town isn't necessarily right for another.	not interested in waste hauler we do not have a problem in our area. Not much waste and neighbors are respectful also grant township picks up a lot of the brush
313	7/30/2021	We have lived in the area for 28 years. All of our neighbors have burned responsibly and seldomly for that time, especially not in fall, and need to do so to keep the trimming/cutting waste from intrusive overgrowth of Buckthorn. It is so invasive all over the county and is a major problem for any homeowner with a larger property. There would be no cost effective way of ridding of that organic waste if burning were prohibited and add to the huge problem of buckthorn overgrowth.  Thank you, ██████████	
314	7/30/2021	We are on five acres. There is plenty of room around us to burn without severely impacting neighbors. Their burning does not cause me problems. I would like to leave well enough alone. We do not need new restrictions. The current system is working fine.	
315	7/30/2021	Open burning allows us to maintain our gardens with out an additional expense to our budget. We can enjoy what we created and get the needed exercise that keeps us going without the stress of trying to pay yet another bill.	As senior citizens we are on a limited budget and therefore do not pay for out side services for hauling yard material. Since we do not travel we have created our own vacation spot with the creation of our gardens. They do require maintenance and we clean
316	7/30/2021	We need LESS regulations, not MORE!	
317	7/30/2021	It's part of the charm of living so far out from the city.	
318	7/30/2021	Thank you for asking our input on this issue. We (my husband and I) appreciate that this concern has been brought to impacted residents and that a decision hasn't been made rashly. Lake County's taxes and expenses are already steep. It's hard to think of adding one	I would prefer to continue to burn my landscape waste and not add another bill to my household expenses. I have been a lifelong Lake County resident (57 years) and have always lived in an

		more if we are required to haul our landscape waste. We have an oak tree that is 200+ years old. You can just imagine how many leaves that generates in the fall. We burn responsibly and would not like that privilege to be taken away.	unincorporated area. This is one of the perks of living in an uninc
319	7/31/2021	Restricted times and dates may NOT provide the opportune time and date to burn leaves for weather conditions, safety, and health concerns.	
320	7/31/2021	With the amount of trees in the unincorporated area, it would be a substantial cost to have waste disposal. We usually only burn in the spring and fall for clean up, but would be an enormous amount to find a way to dispose of. We are not allowed to put them in trash and it would still require a great amount of work for us. For a resolution for us, it would be acceptable if we were able to get the leaves to our ditch and have them removed through the trucks that suck them up, that I have seen in other areas. Please consider an affordable solution for all of the unincorporated areas, as we have the biggest amount of leaves to dispose of.	
321	7/31/2021	Any time government seeks to improve a system which is already working, it gets worse. Ronald Reagan - the very worst words you will ever hear: "I am from the government, and I am here to help."	The "packaging" of yard waste for pick up would be 25X more labor intensive than just burning it.
322	7/31/2021	We PURPOSELY moved to incorporated some could burn our yard waste.	
323	7/31/2021	If open burning is restricted some other waste removal should be provided to residents.	
324	7/31/2021	Don't use your preformed opinions on burning. I DON'T CARE IF THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS EVERYWHERE ELSE. We are in a good area RURAL. Get it? Why are you asking me. We are not in downtown Barrington. LEAVE US ALONE!	
325	7/31/2021	I have over 100 trees on my property. I compost fall leaves. All year, I have large amounts of brush, limbs, and fallen trees. Burning is my only option.	
326	7/31/2021	Open burning should remain an option. As long as fires are safely controlled and are used when the wind is in such a direction as to not blow smoke toward other dwellings, there is no reason to limit it, especially if the option is to force people to pay for someone to haul away branches and leaves when they can be safely disposed of. Our property has lots of trees, and we constantly are picking up fallen branches. We also have dead trees that we cut down and after cutting the large trunks and limbs into firewood, we have lots of small branches and twigs to burn. Forcing us to pay someone to haul that away is unfair and would be a unnecessary burden.  Thank you for allowing for input on the issue prior to making a final decision.	
327	7/31/2021	A restriction on open burn would require that we pay a waste hauler or buy equipment to dispose of our hard landscape waste. We live on 3+ acres, compost our kitchen scraps and soft yard waste, but also generate significant hard yard waste. Given the tax burden we are currently under, we do not want to to be forced to pay more.	
328	8/1/2021	Hope in the public presentation you provide much more detail on specifically what this	Although I like the idea of franchising in order to improve

		means for the community (transparent advantages and disadvantages to weigh). Difficult to support without first understanding the details and what we get for giving up this flexibility and what is the range of costs are that could result.	recycling effectiveness and compliance, overall I don't like the idea of franchising given the limitations imposed and potential of misguided restrictions and enforcement.
329	8/1/2021	Lake county taxes are already high how much more in taxes do you think property owners can afford especially with many residents still dealing with the after math from COVID.	
330	8/1/2021	How would open burning impact a controlled burn on my property?	
331	8/2/2021	All I can say is, I specifically chose to live in an unincorporated part of lake county to avoid these exact type of restrictions.	
332	8/2/2021	No need for this, especially in wide, open areas of farmland and such.	
333	8/2/2021	A total ban on open burning would severely affect our ability to maintain our property. We have 1.25 acres with several beautiful mature trees. It is a significant amount of work to maintain the property, which we do ourselves. We need to be able to burn. We have unsuccessfully tried the option of putting all landscape waste on the street - it was not picked up on the designated day(s) and blew around the neighborhood.  We have never burned construction material or household garbage. We try to be responsible, courteous homeowners.	
334	8/2/2021		I do not want a ban on landscape burning.
335	8/2/2021	MISSED OPTION  Fremont Township also picks up brush (as set up by my HOA) in Spring and Autumn.  This reduces my need to open burn. If the township stops picking up brush, I will need to increase how much and often and burn.	I live in Fremont Township. We already have a consolidated waste hauler.  MISSED OPTION  Fremont Township also picks up brush (as set up by my HOA) in Spring and Autumn.  This reduces my need to open burn. If the township stops picking up brush, I will
336	8/2/2021		We may not have an opinion about franchising due to the fact that we are in favor of open burning, and would not like to be required to pay for waste hauling.
337	8/3/2021	not allowing burning of landscape waste and requiring it to be bagged for pickup causes eyesores on the streets with bags and bags of waste that needs to be picked	



		up; the bags are not easy to move and when they get wet the bags break causing a huge mess on our properties and streets
338	8/3/2021	I against any restrictions on open burning because I live on 2 acres of a wooded lot which has all oak trees, the oaks shed branches year round also in the fall when the leaves drop it covers every foot of my property. Burning allows me to quickly and cheaply rid all leaves and branches. I have a neighbor that has 10 acres and another that owns 5 1/2 acres I'm in the middle these 3 properties all are wooded lots with mature oak trees. Please consider us and leave us to the current open burning laws. Thanks
339	8/3/2021	I am concerned that many, many people and businesses and contractors are burning their treated scrape materials of all sorts and not being controled nor ticketed.  Relating to "clean air" I am very much concerned about how vehicle emission's controls are not being enforced. So many of these black spuing vehicles are not being ticketed. It probably as big a problem as all who are burning illegal materials.
340	8/3/2021	In addition to the potential cost increase of waste hauling, the other cost which probably affects some and continues to be ignored in these surveys is the potential increase in time and effort to bring all landscape waste out to the street as compared to a burn pile. In my case, we have numerous old, large trees on our property which produce large quantities of leaves every year. I already spend several full days each fall gathering and burning the leaves. If I have to bag and drag the leaves out to the street, it will probably add another day or two of time to our effort. This would make us more inclined to potentially remove trees, which I assume is not a desired effect of restrictions on or a ban on open burning.
341	8/3/2021	We own just under 2 acres of land with mature growth trees that drop significant amounts of limbs and leaves throughout the year. It is literally a weekly process of picking up 55 gallon garbage cans of yard material in order to be able to mow the grass. If burning restrictions or a ban are imposed it will cripple our ability to maintain our property. My heartburn with burning restrictions is that individuals living in unincorporated Lake County (who now oppose open burning) purchased properties knowing the fact that open burning was allowed, where as I purchased property in unincorporated Lake County with the understanding that I would be able to maintain that property with little expense and the least amount of time and effort through open burning. I question whether we would have purchased the amount of property we have given the additional cost and time required to maintain it, if a burn ban was in place. I also question if you are decreasing my properties resale value.
342	8/3/2021	DO NOT ban unincorporated residents of open burn. We rely on this to help keep our yards clean...
343	8/3/2021	the township has a great contract and do not want the County to interfere.
344	8/3/2021	Why not simply allow those on larger lots (1 acre plus) to burn? Those who live on small lots don't have the same problems with downed limbs, dying trees, buckthorn, and wild roses. You can only compost so much. We do leave piles of dead limbs in places out of sight for animal hides. But we do need to burn 2-3 times a year. My burn pile is currently 8 ft high by 6 feet wide. What waste hauler is going to take that?

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345	8/3/2021	Ban grass burning, but allow leaves, small branches, twigs,etc. Limit the days of the week (T, Th & Sat are fine), and hours - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
346	8/4/2021		<p>I am opposed to franchised used waste removal because the schedule will likely be inconvenient or insufficient. It has nothing to do with cost.</p> <p>Being able to burn on days that are safe (not to dry out windy) provides my with the ability to be flexible.</p>
347	8/4/2021	8	
348	8/4/2021	I burn my yard waste responsibly. I'm ok with reasonable restrictions, like the ones that are in currently in place, but please don't increase an already outrageous financial burden in addition to our taxes, by placing a complete ban on the burning of yard waste.	I don't like the idea of adding another bill or tax to my excessive tax bill which is only 2nd to California for the highest tax burden in the nation. Outside of my years in the Marine Corps I've lived in Lake County my entire life and have served my com
349	8/4/2021	If a hauling service can provide leaf and brush removal for a reasonable cost I might consider it, but past experiences have shown that the cost sometimes can be more than half of a years hauling service cost. As for small branches/twigs,I use those as my fire starter, making it easier than having to use a petroleum based fuel as a starter.	
350	8/4/2021	We have 2 acres with many shrubs and trees. As we clear out dead or fallen limbs, we usually burn them. As for the leaves in the fall, we put them in an area for compost. Any fires we have are usually clean burning with little smoke. If there is a ban on burning, I believe it will cost me quite a bit because of the amount of yard waste we have.	
351	8/4/2021	i have 5 acres of property to maintain. i have mulched leaves and grass for 37 years but with the changes in the weather i watch entire trees get blown over. it would cost many thousands of dollars to pay a tree service to remove them. i take care of them myself by burning them.	
352	8/4/2021	<p>I burn 2-3 times per year. I pay to much for waste removal as it is.</p> <p>Stop the wild wires form out west EVERY YEAR. We have clouds of smoke very often from them.</p> <p>I am VERY OPPOSED TO STOP THE BURNING</p>	
353	8/4/2021	Allowing unincorporated Lake County to continue maintaining trees/shrubs with burning as needed is the most cost effective and EQUITABLE decision. The people who will be hurt the most by considered restrictions are seniors, families on	

		budgets, & disabled/less abled. Those in Libertyville may buy, operate & store wood chippers for themselves, but this is not a viable option for most others. Neither is hiring landscape companies or more expensive waste pickup contracts. Or using county taxpayer funds to haul debris & clean out draining systems clogged by leaves. Lake County already has flooding problems due to drainage issues. The planet & Lake County need more trees for clean air & climate change mitigation--don't penalize those who are doing their part by having trees on their property. Why would people want to plant more trees if they are going to be burdened with costly regulations to take care of them?
354	8/4/2021	Considering the comments at the meeting 8/4/21. Those with lung conditions, like anyone with any medical condition, must take responsibility and look after themselves, rather than seek to impinge on the rights and needs of others. Many of these people with lung disease voluntarily smoked cigarettes for many years to acquire the lung disease that they have. Studies show that diesel fumes, including from additional landscape waste haulers and chippers, are more damaging to those with lung disease than diluted periodic woodsmoke in the air. Will the county ban the sale and consumption of peanut products because some people have peanut allergies, which are more life threatening than a little woodsmoke? Also, referring to earlier correspondence from the County, doing something just because neighboring counties do, is a poor reason to make a regulation. Why have this county government, if it's just going to follow what other county governments decide to do?
355	8/4/2021	Until the Lake County forest preserve stops open burning, all of these arguments to put a restriction on citizens of this county are hypocrisy.
356	8/4/2021	Please do not take our freedom to burn tree debris from our land.  The debris we burn is strictly from our trees and our land.  We do not burn from anything from other properties.
357	8/4/2021	Lake County is made up of municipalities with denser populations and unincorporated regions with less dense populations. One of the benefits, and charms, of country life is burning leaves in the fall, working on your property and disposing of waste with a beautiful bonfire. These occur maybe three or four times a season in my experience. It's nominal, and certainly a safe, appropriate and natural way to manage the land. I believe my neighbors here in Ingleside burn judiciously. We've never had any issues or complaints.
358	8/4/2021	I live on 12 acres and have a lot of trees. How am I supposed to get rid of large branches/small trees if I can't burn them? Also, even if a hauler would pick them up? I can't imagine the price. here is no way that I could afford it for the waste my 12 acres produces.
359	8/5/2021	I think occasional burning of yard waste is an acceptable practice
360	8/5/2021	I am opposed to the county choosing the disposal contractor based on how this process was so poorly executed and communicated by Avon Township about 2 years ago. The company chosen by Avon Township (Lakes Disposal) dumps the green waste bin with the regular trash in the same truck--we confronted the company about this practice and they admit to it; we also informed the township. However,

		Lakes has kept the contract and we as citizens are powerless to change companies. I don't want this to happen again.	
361	8/5/2021	Would like the choice to choose my own waste hauler.	
362	8/5/2021	<p>This program is only discouraging homeowners on planting new trees and shrubs on there proprieties. I think it would be much more beneficial to encourage people to try to grow and maintain tree growth on there acres.</p> <p>We do not want or need just big open fields.</p> <p>We do not need more parking lots.</p> <p>We need more trees.</p>	
363	8/5/2021	One of the reasons we moved to unincorporated Lake county was because of less restrictions around burning. I don't want this taken away. It really hasn't been an issue in our neighbor.	
364	8/5/2021	We moved to the unincorporated area for the benefits of less restrictions and slightly lower property taxes. With 2 acres of very mature landscaping we depend on open burning to dispose of our yard debris. We strongly oppose any restrictions on our ability to open burn and we do not wish to be forced into paying for a yard waste service. We have too much yard debris to bag up and drag to the curb.	
365	8/6/2021	With the high taxes already imposed, adding additional expenses is not ideal. If you find a way to lower taxes and don't charge for an alternative method, I would be open.	
366	8/7/2021	<p>I have a feeling that a lot of you could care less about how the people in Lake County feel. I have talked with several of you so far and it seems that you don't want to look at the whole picture. I wish you could see it from ALL sides and allow the districts that want to burn and ban the ones that don't. This is not one of those cases where a one size fits all.</p> <p>A lot of us moved to unincorporated areas because we were NOT bound by city rules and guidelines. Some of us have been here for many years, and are set in our way of living and don't need or like other people that are coming into new subdivisions or our unincorporated areas to try and change our ways.</p>	<p>I like to burn for several reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was always allowed where I live and no one has an issue with it.</li> <li>2. I like the idea of not having to pay to have it hauled away. Especially since I am on a fixed income.</li> <li>3. I enjoy sitting around the firepit</li> </ol>
367	8/10/2021	I appose a ban on open burning in unincorporated Lake County. We purchased property in unincorporated areas in order to be able to have more space and nature, a ban on open burning will remove our ability to maintain our properties. Bans and restrictions on open burning will place a great additional cost and time burden on property owners who take pride in how their properties look. Instead of raking leaves in to piles and burning they now will have to rake leaves in to piles, place piles	

		in to containers and then move containers to pick up locations. Instead of handling the leaves once and moving a short distance they now have to handle them 3 times and may have to move them a significant distance, not to mention also now having to pay to have them picked up. There are plenty of areas within Lake County that already have burning restrictions, why didn't people who are opposed to open burning purchase properties there?	
368	8/10/2021	We moved to unincorporated Lake County for these freedoms... don't take them away!	
369	8/10/2021	The amount of leaves/brush/limbs that accumulate on the property could not be economically handled other than by burning.	
370	8/11/2021		Yet another reason to move out of this state. They forced residents of this area off septic to sewer for Lake County pockets. This is another, such thing. If the forest preserves around us can burn off the dead leaves and evasives, we should be able to als
371	8/14/2021	I live on the river and do not see any reason to restrict burning at ant time.	
372	8/16/2021	<p>Many of us live on larger wooded lots, which produce a LARGE amounts of leaves and sticks, mainly in the fall only. Imposing regulations on these homeowners, who already are working hard enough to keep their yards in order is ridiclous. Stop rounding us up, and putting us in the same bracket as those that are burning everything else.</p> <p>We simply want a clean yard, by our own means. Go after the right people and/or business, and leave us alone.</p>	The regulations imposed to the homeowner as to 'how' the yard waste must be 'presented for pick-up is ridiculous. Can't be 'x' feet long, cannot be 'x' feet wide. must be bundled with string. Bundled yard waste...are you kidding? Its sticks!
373	8/16/2021	I oppose restricting open burning and any other regulations against a populations right to provide for themselves. The purpose of living in unincorporated areas is to avoid the mass regulations that incorporated areas frequent.	
374	7/21/2021	Any agreement with Lake Bluff for the knollwood or in unincorporated areas and shields to utilize their compost drop off at the Public Works center? Can You please reach out to them because Lake Forest allows us at Lake Bluff for residents only but if we're in the surrounding areas I think a fee per drop off would be another method that I would like to have your input.	
375	7/27/2021	Not cost effective for those on larger wooded lots (one half acre and up NOT 5 and up) for the constant upkeep of these properties. Branches, limbs, brush removal (buckthorn is highly prevalent in Lake County) is a constant battle. Invasive plant material cannot be composted or re-used as mulch unless you want to share the seeds. Some invasive plants such as garlic mustard (very common and fast spreading) have burning as a way of disposal. These plants must be pulled by hand before bloom. If the are pulled and not properly disposed of can STILL PRODUCE	

		SEEDS! (Sorry, got a little off topic there) Leaf burning and grass clipping burning should be limited.
376	7/21/2021	unhealthy and unsafe, especially in dry conditions.
377	7/21/2021	Giving people certain times of the day, week, month or year to burn means there is total confusion when it will be allowed and prohibited and Lake County doesn't have the resources to enforce the regulations.
378	7/21/2021	For those of us with allergies or other health impairments, this is a huge issue. It's also just a quality of life issue in terms of having to use AC instead of being able to have the windows open for fresh air. And, it's detrimental to the quality of our air.
379	7/21/2021	Any burning bad for asthmatics and just inconsiderate for neighbors. Burning is the cheapskates way of avoiding lawn waste sticks or a little higher bill. My air quality should be a right not to be taken away by an inconsiderate neighbor. Keep the air clean, ban all burning of landscape waste but allow patio fireplaces with hardwood logs if you must allow anything.
380	7/21/2021	<p>We sometimes have open burning smoke from a nearby unincorporated area. The smoke can't be contained, so it make originate in "open" areas, but it's being inflicted on many people.</p> <p>Our village (Hainesville) offers collection of yard waste along with trash and recycling.</p> <p>Offering yard waste pickup and county wide composting would provide two benefits for all county residents.</p>
381	7/21/2021	<p>During burning season, my home and neighborhood are ENGULFED in smoke so thick that you literally cannot breath outside. The smoke goes for miles in all directions.</p> <p>I laugh when I hear people from Illinois call my home state backwards. I was born and reared in Georgia, and we banned open burning in the early 70's.</p> <p>Please ban all open burning. It is ridiculous that we live in 2021 and are discussing this issue still. It is horrible when it occurs at the same time. I have to drive with my headlights on because the smoke is so thick. My home and neighborhood are ENGULFED in smoke so thick it looks like Stephen Kings the Fog moving across our area. You cannot breath outside. I am not exaggerating, you cannot breath outside when it is that thick.</p>
382	7/21/2021	The old—time burning of leaves in autumn is long gone. Climate change is here, buring yard waste only adds to the nightmare.
383	7/21/2021	<p>I live within a block of unincorporated Lake County. I can smell the burning at my house and I find it to be a horrific smell. I suffer from severe allergies and the burning smells aggravate my allergies.</p> <p>This is the 21st century and we need to start taking better care of our planet.</p>
384	7/21/2021	Open burning is extremely unhealthy.

385	7/21/2021	Given the options for recycling yard waste there is no reason to allow ongoing burning. Besides the pollution many people suffer with breathing conditions such as asthma. If you live within proximity of people who burn yard waste it can make you a virtual prisoner in your own house. Yard waste does not burn efficiently and generates excessive smoke. Additionally I would expect the fire departments in the area would also support a ban on yard waste burning.
386	7/21/2021	If open burning regulations are in place, people will consider that to be a mandate to burn anything and not follow the regulations.  How would regulations be enforced?
387	7/21/2021	My neighbors burn their yard waste despite the restrictions and the smoke causes asthmatic reactions in our household. I compost all my yard waste and do not burn.
388	7/21/2021	While I would like to have some open burning available, I cannot support it due to lack of resources to enforce the regulations. Placing the onus on people to report their neighbor is a terrible way to live and destroys our sense of community. The townships should be able to obtain grant money to have a collection truck and create a facility to mulch and compost. Let's take the commercial aspect out of this and keep it local to the townships.
389	7/21/2021	I live in the Village of Lindenhurst. My property abuts unincorporated Lake County. During the spring and fall smoke from yard waste burning in the unincorporated neighborhoods adjacent to my property makes outdoor activity unpleasant and causes me to close my windows on what otherwise would be a great day to open them for fresh air. I moved here from a county back east that banned open burning in the 1960s. Its time to join the 21st century.
390	7/21/2021	open burning is an environmental concern. I have allergies and the smoke contributes to my poor health.
391	7/21/2021	Open burning is annoying and a health hazard. I am very much opposed to it.
392	7/21/2021	Burning yard waste hurts people with respiratory disorders. It should stop.
393	7/21/2021	I hate open burning. Only do once a year after have accumulated a large amount and only because every other person in area seems to burn. Hate the smell, pollution clogging the air. Seeps into house. Not good for health and environment. Please ban open burning.
394	7/21/2021	I may not live in unincorporated but drive-through so burning has a direct effect on my breathing.
395	7/21/2021	This issue is not restricted to unincorporated areas of the County. Air quality, releasing of carbon dioxide, nuisance smells, and the potential for uncontained wildfires during dry conditions are all County-wide issues. If the County Board advocates for sustainable practices, then burning of any wastes should be highly restricted, if not banned altogether.
396	7/21/2021	Save the environment. Restrict air pollution!
397	7/21/2021	Smoke doesn't stay in incorporated areas. It travels and affects all of us, especially children, the elderly and people with a weakened health.
398	7/21/2021	I would like to see a ban on burning landscape waste as it pollutes the air, which is already causing issues with our ozone. I would like to see landscape waste used as

		compost and I would like to see trees that are destroyed turned into mulch for those who want it.	
399	7/21/2021	I would like to see a ban on residential burning because of asthma issues.	
400	7/21/2021	I'm for a total ban on burning in West Miltmore and Venetian Village. People in this area will still continue to burn because of lack of enforcement. Lake County Sheriffs are understaffed and their presence in our area is lacking, but that's another subject that desperately needs to be addressed. The Lake Villa Township Road Commissioner does an EXCELLENT JOB picking up tree branches for free at least twice a week but people in my area love any excuse to burn construction waste, garbage, and furniture. We have a few people who moved in and didn't sign up for garbage and recycle service from WM because they can burn it for free.	
401	7/21/2021	I have asthma, as does my son. As soon as there is someone burning yard waste I have to shut the windows and turn on the a.c . This creates another layer of damage to the environment on top of the burning of the yard waste. It has a large negative impact on our lives.	
402	7/21/2021	Please make it a Lake County total complete no burning even campfires. We live in Fox Lake area, and the city allows burning and my neighbor campfires regularly, and him being west of our home mostly smoke comes into my home thru the attic vents.  We both have breathing issues.  So for me a complete all areas including in city limits!!!	
403	7/21/2021	Burning leaves, or other items that create smoke, can irritate my respiratory issues.	I like the idea of franchising, because it reduces peoples' dependency on burning landscape waste.
404	7/21/2021	I would be okay with limiting to certain days; however, there is minimal enforcement of this and it depends on how irritated neighbors get about the constant smoke and if they're willing to call about it. Members of my neighborhood openly mocked the burn day restrictions and continued to do it whenever they wanted. In order for it to be enforced, someone has to call on a neighbor and send out the Lake County Sheriff, who is likely busy with more important needs. Then the offender gets a warning, and they do it all again the next day. Perhaps if there were actual consequences for burning outside of the designated days, then this would be effective. Also, an online form option would be nice rather than having to call.  I personally have no health issues, yet my neighborhood can get so smoky from the smoldering fires that I am unable to enjoy my outdoor space. I have to stay inside with an air purifier just so I can breathe comfortably on the days when people are most actively burning.	
405	7/21/2021	I do not live in unincorporated Lake County, however, it is unincorporated all around me. I am totally against open burning as my neighbors just burn and leave it unattended. They burn while it is wet and even when it is breezy and blowing towards your house. They will burn at night as they think no one knows. This is when other items are burnt instead of just landscape waste. Not only is it stinky, it aggravates my household's allergies and does not allow us to open our windows	



		because of the burning. Therefore, we are using much more electricity than necessary as we have to keep our windows shut to alleviate this problem. Going outside to sit and enjoy the weather is also not an option due to the burning. As it seems that most, if not all municipalities ban open burning, I do not see why Lake County shouldn't follow suit. That way, it doesn't matter where you live, all open burning, of anything, is banned and therefore it is very easy to police.
406	7/21/2021	I would only like to see an total ban on open burning if Lake County successfully conducts a solicitation for a yard waste disposal that offers both unlimited pickup and 'pay-per-bag/bin' options.
407	7/21/2021	We live in very close proximity to unincorporated areas of Lake County...prevailing winds carry smoke etc caused by people burning...and my wife has asthma...quite bad. We constantly have to close up our house...even on days that we would enjoy a nice breeze coming in....there definitely should be a total ban on open burning...just like many other areas .  [REDACTED]
408	7/21/2021	Scientific studies have shown that burning close to the ground is hazardous to our health because of the particulate matter it releases. People do not need to burn their leaves or other landscape waste. There are other methods to dispose of it. It can be turned into mulch, recycled or used in a backyard compost pile. Also, local garbage haulers collect it in bags. People with asthma and other lung conditions who live next door to people who burn are being put at risk.
409	7/21/2021	Thank you for taking on this issue. We have always lived in incorporated areas before moving to unincorporated Lake County in 2018. It's amazing what people do in their yards with burning (and fireworks) We miss having ordinances that people follow. Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide feedback.  In addition to the \$78/quarter for trash & recycling pick-up, we pay \$200 for yard waste pick-up for the year (April - November).  Good luck!
410	7/21/2021	I would like to see a total ban on open burning. I think it's a safety hazard and negatively affects air quality. For residents with health issues the smell from the burning makes it difficult to breath. There are many other safer ways to dispose of landscape waste.
411	7/21/2021	Limited time place and manner regulations have been ineffective. Burning occurs everyday of the week. We have requested enforcement of the ordinance more than a dozen times with minimal impact. We have even been questioned about why we would expect the ordinance enforced. Most residential areas in Lake County have ordinances that provide clean air in their neighborhood. Residential neighborhoods in unincorporated Lake County should not have to except a low level of air quality.
412	7/21/2021	While I would prefer a total ban on burning of landscape waste, I understand this might not be possible. Allowing limited burning on very large properties (as discussed on the webcast) might be a good compromise. However, if that type of burning is allowed it should be subject to time limitations (days and seasons). If you allow regular (small properties) residential burning on limited days (like now under Covid), you should expect a lot of violations. Our experience is that many of our

		neighbors burn whenever and whatever they feel like, regardless of the county regulations. I would not expect that to change even if time, place or manner restrictions are put in place. We pay \$200 per year for landscape waste pick-up by our trash/recycle hauler. Perhaps with franchising and ban on burning, the price can be lowered.
413	7/21/2021	Too many people with respiratory conditions such as asthma and copd suffer when open burning is allowed.
414	7/21/2021	It usually causes a problem when neighbors are burning and we are trying to enjoy the nice days outside.
415	7/21/2021	Open burning is a health hazard and a dirty, obsolete, practice that should be ended now in Lake County. Our air does not respect property lines not municipal borders. Too many Lake County residents with asthmatic children and others with respiratory problems dread the months when their community is covered with the pall of smoke and they need to stay home or risk a serious health problem. Stop uncaring people from treating our air as an open sewer. Thanks for the opportunity to provide my opinions.
416	7/21/2021	Smoke from burning from unincorporated areas has impacted us in our own home when we lived in Beach Park and now where we live in Grayslake. In addition to smoke being bad for human health, burning the leaves also burns eggs of magical lightning bugs and other creatures important to our eco-systems. Additionally, those that I have seen burn leaves also tend to throw non-landscape waste to the pile, such as construction debris with chemical stains/treatment as well as household garbage containing plastic. Those are additional pollutants in the air.
417	7/21/2021	I am very opposed to open burning...environmental concerns and health concerns
418	7/21/2021	I would prefer a complete ban on burning but for people with very large lots and leaves possibly some consideration could be made for them on an individual basis if landscaping removal is not available and their land is not suitable for mulching.
419	7/21/2021	There should be open burning including camp fires when in rural or exurban areas. Residential areas should have a complete burning ban for fire safety as well as being respectful of neighbors that do not want to smell smoke. If you want a campfire go to a campground.
420	7/21/2021	Whatever is decided, I would like to see an ability to strongly enforce it. Today there is a phone line to call to report people who don't follow the burning rules and often it's not staffed or it goes to the Sheriffs Dept etc. should be a dif way to report and then ultimately enforce immediately when someone is burning when they shouldn't or burning garbage that's banned etc
421	7/22/2021	Unincorporated areas are nearly as densely populated as municipalities. Children with asthma, allergies and other health conditions live in these communities and deserve to be protected.
422	7/22/2021	For the question on disposing of landscape waste, why is there no option for it being picked up by a city or township? Our Township (Warren) is not a waster hauler or a neighborhood association.
423	7/22/2021	one time fee 70 for whole year
424	7/22/2021	We receive a bill every two months.

425	7/22/2021	<p>Although I am not directly in unincorporated lake county- the areas are near us and we have no control over the wind and when or how it blows regardless of designated days currently it could be on a day where the wind is blowing in any direction. For example we received air quality statements regarding the fires in Canada and western United States. You can smell the smoke at times from those fires right here in lake county. Those fires are unintentional. The open burn is intentional and designated. Why wouldn't we do what is needed to Allow everyone to breathe clean air and protect the ozone. Although I do feel for the people who have a lot of trees and leaves on their properties burning the leaves is not the solution. Everyone has the right to breathe clean air. If they have to rake or blow them into burn piles why can't they rake them to the edge of their property and have a machine come suck them up? We cannot be the only county facing this dilemma. Many places have band burning.</p>
426	7/22/2021	<p>We have an individual who lives in the Unincorporated area between Winthrop Harbor and Zion on Park avenue, who burns everything he can and pollutes our air. Until recently, we had a neighbor who had emphysema (she died) and his burning irritated her when the wind blew in her direction. Both the Winthrop Harbor and Zion Police claimed that he was within his rights, as he lived in the unincorporated area. From your map, I now see that both police departments were wrong and will point that out to both o them if this person continues to burn in his back yard and will report him to the Lake County Sheriff's Department.</p> <p>Law enforcement authorities should be mad aware of regulations in surrounding areas of the communities in which they serve.</p>
427	7/22/2021	<p>This is an area in which Lake County, usually proactive and ahead of the curve, has dropped the ball.</p> <p>Those with medical conditions are affected by this practice. Their concerns should override those of people who won't take care of their own property or refuse to support a share of landscape pick-up. Even those with no medical problem have a right to enjoy fresh air in their neighborhoods in spring and fall.</p> <p>This has dragged on for years because county board members in unincorporated areas are too worried about votes to do the right thing, and smoke doesn't respect borders.</p>
428	7/22/2021	<p>I understand that for some people open burning is an economical way to dispose of large amounts of plant material. But it is bad for the environment and a health risk for an ever-growing number of people. Limiting open burning isn't enough - any day that someone is burning yard waste is a day some of us can't open our windows or go outside. Also, in my area, there are some people who stealthily burn garbage or construction materials. If NO burning were permitted, it might be easier to get enforcement.</p>
429	7/22/2021	<p>There needs to be an easier, more anonymous way to report illegal burning (whether or not anything else is done). I don't feel comfortable reporting illegal burning with the current system &amp; current laws are not enforced.</p>

430	7/22/2021	When burning happens in my area I can't enjoy the outdoors at all. I miss out on beautiful fall days, especially Saturdays. I work 5 days a week and can't enjoy my days off, Saturday and Sunday when burning takes place. The Covid-19 restrictions have been wonderful. I can actually sit in my back yard and enjoy.
431	7/23/2021	We have room to let trees, leaves, etc. decompose on our property in the woods. We also cut and split trees and reuse the wood in our fireplace. At times we employ a landscaper to chip piles of brush and then start making new piles again. But we have lived in the same place for over 50 years and have never burned. It is a foul and unsafe practice.
432	7/23/2021	On the border of unincorporated and the smoke is horrible.
433	7/23/2021	I am so sick of breathing in the fires in the area that are being burned. I have health issues and it has forced us to go inside on certain days, and other days we can smell/breathe it even inside our house with the windows closed.  It is better than last year, but at the very least would like to see only 1 designated day per week to do this instead of at any time/day.  I think that our neighborhood can find healthier solutions to dispose of leaves and landscaping material. I'm pretty sure they aren't only burning natural waste too, it is possible they are burning other garbage.
434	7/23/2021	Burning is bad for our health and our planet as well as a fire hazard.  I would like a total ban on open burning.
435	7/23/2021	The smoke from burning, even done in the unincorporated areas, could affect the air quality of the surrounding areas which can impact health and safety of nearby residents.
436	7/23/2021	There is absolutely no reason or valid excuse for the burning of landscape waste any more. It is terrible for the environment and people's health. I live in a town that borders an unincorporated area, and I must keep my doors and windows closed in the fall, as the smoke is so thick it hurts.
437	7/23/2021	I reside on the western border of Gurnee near Rt 45 and Dada, and unincorporated residents just to our west burn regularly in the fall. When the prevailing winds are from the west it's virtually impossible to be outside in our neighborhood to do yard work or for pleasure. It's especially bad when weather conditions hold the smoke near ground level and there are no winds to disperse it. Thank you for your consideration.
438	7/24/2021	I am in favor of banning open burning of yard waste as long as there are means to get rid of that stuff in the future. I live in a heavily wooded area where there are many Oak trees and they typically don't shed their leaves until mid to late December.
439	7/26/2021	I do not burn because it affects my allergies and my asthma flares up. That is why I wish that opening burning is banned.

		I know I am not the only allergy and asthma sufferer affected my open burning. I would love the opportunity to open a window without suffering an attack!	
440	7/26/2021	Is the violation hotline only manned during business hours? How do you report a violation after hours?	
441	7/26/2021	Too many of us residents have respiratory issues that are greatly increased by the current allowing of open burning. There must be a better way to deal with this waste.	
442	7/26/2021	<p>Not only is burning bad for the environment (things should be composted or made into mulch) but it is also bad for people with lung or allergy issues.</p> <p>Also, I don't really like to walk around in my neighborhood having to breath in all of the smoke from the burning. I like having fresh if possible clean air when I walk my dog or work in the garden.</p>	
443	7/27/2021	I think this is really important. As someone living with a lung condition, there are days I can't spend time in my yard because my neighbors are burning random materials all day long. A few weeks ago one of my neighbors almost burned their house down because they decided to dispose of their porch via open burning. People do not know what they are allowed to burn and think open burning means they can burn literally anything. I've even smelled burning rubber and plastic in my neighborhood. There needs to be stricter regulation (and enforcement) because people just burn anything and everything around here (unincorporated Hawthorn Woods).	
444	7/27/2021	Provide the information on how municipal open burning prohibitions might impact unincorporated areas of the county, e.g., distance from city boarders.	<p>I like the idea of franchising but very fearful that my waste hauling cost will increase significantly.</p> <p>I get an annual bill for landscape waste hauling. The cost has increased significantly, more than doubling, in the last few of years. I cannot imagi</p>
445	7/27/2021	As the mother of a child with asthma, I am well aware of the harm open burning causes.	
446	7/27/2021	To protect us, property, the forests, and wildlife, I do not believe in open burning. On a hot day while I had my windows opened, my new neighbor decided to open burn his landscape leaves/twigs and it is not even allowed in my subdivision,. I should send him the dry-cleaning bill for my smoke filled closet. My point is that there are inconsiderate people and some not mature enough to be trusted with matches. During dry conditions and windy days, catastrophes can occur (1871 - Chicago) and must be avoided.	
447	7/27/2021	Open burning of landscape waste is a tangible hazard to the health of surrounding neighbors, especially in areas with one and two-acres lots. Too often, we've had smoke from neighborhood open burnings linger within our house. Studies continue to show that the air quality is compromised by all manner of environmental factors,	

		which seem to be beyond our control. This should not be one of them. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
448	7/28/2021	In addition to specific days can there be specific weather condition put on restrictions?  i.e. People burn when the air is really humid and air is very heavy
449	7/28/2021	For the health and safety of our residents, PLEASE stop this practice!
450	7/28/2021	Why allow unnecessary air pollution?
451	7/28/2021	Air quality has been terrible this year and when open burning is allowed, damage to the respiratory tract occurs. Saddlebrook Farms is down wind from a farm (or resident?) who frequently burns, and this prevents any outdoor activity for these elderly residents. Please stop the open burning, totally.
452	7/28/2021	Open Burning adds to pollution, and could become a fire hazard due to air born embers.  As a child living on the northside of Chicago, leaves were burned in piles in the street. The smell and smoke were annoying. With the amount of pollutants in the air today, this practice would just add to air quality problems and respiratory issues.
453	7/28/2021	With respiratory illnesses and lack of wide open spaces like downstate, I oppose burning in Lake County except small fireplace for backyards.
454	7/28/2021	Note, above is Groot garbage and recycling. e pay for yard waste one e a year, about \$164/yr. I feel strongly that burning yard waste contributes asthma symptoms for some people and it simply STINKS!
455	7/28/2021	I have lived in unincorporated Mundelein for 19 years and have experienced the negative effects of open burning first hand. The smoke that is created has made it difficult to breath and has kept me inside my home at times. I have also experienced strong chemical smells that have made me worried that people are burning items other than just landscape waste. I am concerned that allowing open burning may emboldened people to burn items other than just landscape waste.
456	7/28/2021	Please leave restrictions in place. The backyards that back up to mine are all in unincorporated Lake County. I an an asthma sufferer and the smoke from open burning means I have to stay inside with windows closed tight regardless of the weather outside. The smell of the smoke is also nauseating. The people doing the burning have no regard for others.
457	7/28/2021	I live adjacent to several lots (approx 4) that are in unincorporated lake county that all do open burning. Specifically Grand Dominion, and over 55 community. I am the President of the HOA and with 1200 residents we have many that are health compromised and this random burning is a problem. If there is to be burning it must be on announced dates so that are residents can take the necessary precautions. I would prefer that there is no open burning
458	7/28/2021	The last thing we need more of is air pollution. Should be banned from all areas. To many people with lung conditions, asthma and such. We are still breathing others pollution. Should be banned from all.
459	7/28/2021	I have family members with asthma and others with copd. Our neighbors like to burn leaves on most nice days. Unfortunately, it's medically necessary to stay inside

		with all the windows closed for their health. If there were a better method of leaf disposal besides burning, we could enjoy the nice weather.	
460	7/28/2021	When my neighbors burn, the soot settles on my home requiring me to wash the soot off the siding and windows.	
461	7/28/2021	I think it is imperative we completely end all burning in Lake County. It is scientifically proven to be harmful to asthmatics and people with any respiratory problems. It is Terrible for our O zone. Can we please please get on board with positive environmental action. Please ban 100% no Burning of any kind	
462	7/28/2021	It's bad for me because I have asthma	
463	7/29/2021	Our boundaries between unincorporated locations and municipalities are man made. and have no relevance with regard to the impact one area can have on a nearby one. The open burning in unincorporated areas can impact all of us - air quality, health and fire hazard - regardless of whether or not we live in the unincorporated area. You need look no further than the recent haze in New York from the wildfires out west for an example of how we can all be affected by what happens in other regions.	
464	7/29/2021	I would like to see burning prohibited in the unincorporated areas. I live in an area where burning is currently allowed and on days where there is heavy burning it makes running and biking in the area more challenging.	
465	7/29/2021	I ride my bike near Daniel Wright Woods often. Some of the people in that area open burn their leaves. I have to endure inhaling smoke while exercising, and it irritates my eyes. Considering they're living on large properties, they can easily compost their leaves. Deerfield is doing curbside composting and we're allowed to put food scraps, leaves, brush, etc. in. I shouldn't have to endure breathing in harmful smoke. The smoke doesn't stay on their properties.	
466	7/30/2021	Cost of \$108 above is for trash & recycle only. Yard waste thru our current waste hauler is very expensive = \$267 for the season (7 months). As mentioned above, it's very important that yard waste/compost be a rolling bin - NOT paper bags. Rolling bin works great for everyone (especially larger properties) and is so much more convenient. Thanks!	It will help others reduce their bills and make yard waste pick-up much easier. Note: Yard Waste should be a rolling bin (like trash) - not paper bags as bags are much more work for folks.
467	7/30/2021	Living right on the border if unincorporated Lake County with 2 children who have severe asthma we feel the effects from burning in the area. The wind blows the smoke for quite some distance and then throw in multiple people doing it the smoke is very bad. We have had to bring them to the ER on a few occasions. Even with windows closed you can smell it in the house.  I understand cost and time is an issue for many with large properties with many trees. If burning is allowed I would hope there are many restrictions in place that protect the great good. However it has been proven open burning affects the overall air quality for everyone.	
468	7/30/2021	The science is clear. Open burning is bad for air quality and those who suffer from respiratory disease. The only arguments I hear for open burning are cost and nostalgia. Allowing others to pollute because they don't want to pay, while affecting	

		the health of the rest of us, and while the rest of us pay for disposal is outrageous. Similarly, nostalgia is an awfully poor justification for inflicting health hazards on the community.
469	7/30/2021	I feel one day a week allocated to burning should be allowed. Smoldering fires from lawn waste should be put out by sun down.
470	7/30/2021	Burning ANYTHING outside is a health hazard to yourself and your neighbors. It is inconsiderate.. The township comes around to pick up yard waste. There is no reason to burn it and fill the air with smoke. Please ban open burning everywhere in Lake County.
471	7/30/2021	For our health and the health of our children, please ban burning. People mix in garbage with landscape waste!
472	7/30/2021	We live in Long Lake. We burn our leaves because it is the only way to get rid of them. The waste companies offer no yard waste pick up other than Grant township road department collecting branches once a week during the summer months, we are responsible for getting rid of our yard waste. Many people burn grass which smells bad and pollutes the air. Others burn on windy days which is hazardous. Others burn on days when it's humid leaving heavy smoke in the air. It would be great if leaves were collected on the curbside several times a month.  In addition to this, We have at least 4 different waste companies collecting trash in our neighborhood. This is tough on the roads. One company would cut down on road destruction, noise, air pollution, etc.
473	7/30/2021	Composting and mulching are essential environmentally friendly ways of disposing of this waste. It's important for Lake County to more aggressively address climate change overall and specifically in this situation.
474	7/30/2021	For the health and safety of all residents, open burning should be stopped.
475	7/30/2021	I could be convinced to support limited open burning if I had any expectation that the restrictions would be followed; but based on past experience with burning restrictions in general in Lake County, I doubt that this would be the case. Open burning in areas near me routinely produces irritating and likely harmful smoke that enters my home. It would seem that more ecofriendly disposal options (e.g., composting) should be used. In cases where this would not be feasible, special permits could be requested, and burning under these permits could be supervised (perhaps by fire district employees paid by permit fees).
476	7/30/2021	Both my husband and I have breathing issues. We should not have to stay in our house with the windows shut to avoid burning times. It is also horrible pollution for the environment. At this time our landscaper hauls our waste away. I may be open to other waste hauling services in the future. It seems the rest of the county and other municipalities can figure it out. So can we.
477	7/31/2021	Burning is dangerous, bad for the environment, and harmful to those of us with respiratory conditions.
478	7/31/2021	With allergies and asthma, I would love to be able to open my windows on a nice day. But unfortunately we have neighbors that burn almost everyday which means no open windows for our household.
479	8/1/2021	Open burning of landscape waste is very unhealthy for all residents of the county, and county visitors, especially those with respiratory issues including asthma, COPD,



		<p>COVID19, etc. Poor air quality also affects other aspects of health, for example those undergoing chemo treatments many times have raw mouth and throat sores which smoke does not treat kindly.</p> <p>Open burning can also be a fire hazard in time of drought such as those we've experienced in recent years.</p> <p>From a more generic perspective, on nice summer days, many times we must close the windows and keep the air conditioner running due to neighbors burning yard waste or simply even having a firepit fire. The smell and smoke, i.e. air quality, is certainly not pleasant even for healthy lungs.</p>
480	8/1/2021	<p>It is known that burning leaves can create health risks especially for young children. I have two children under the age of three who I would not like to be exposed to polluted air that is caused by burning. Also, just limiting the time burning can take place is not an acceptable solution as the burning typically takes place at times when I would like to be outside with my children as these times are when most people are at home and have time to clean up their yard (late afternoon/evening and weekends). Even though I live in an unincorporated part of Lake county, I still live in a neighborhood, therefore neighbors burning has a direct impact on me and my family. It is imperative we ban burning to ensure everyone has quality air to breath especially when there other ways to dispose of these items and a nominal cost.</p>
481	8/1/2021	<p>Please vote to stop burning outside of fireplace and pits. The houses in my neighborhood are close together more than in some incorporated areas. When my neighbor burns his landscape waste, even with all of my windows and doors shut, my eyes burn, I quickly get fatigued, and often get a headache to where I cannot work anymore which is not good as I work mostly from home.</p> <p>Thank you for caring about your residence.</p>
482	8/2/2021	<p>Burning is bad for health/environment. Restricting to certain days doesn't work, as some people don't follow the restrictions. Also, it just makes the contaminants worse on the burn days. When even just one neighbor burns yard waste it interferes with my ability to be outside without affecting my health, and often also causes smoke to enter my home. Breathing in the smoky air short term causes me to have a sore throat, and long term potentially even worse. People burn because it is free and easier than other methods. Providing franchised pickup including yard waste makes it easy for disposal and removes that barrier. It will also likely be cost effective. With good service at the lowest cost, franchising is the best option. It makes no sense and can't be cost effective to have 4 different waste haulers in our neighborhood. We are on the border with McHenry county and those homes do just fine with one waste hauler. Franchising improves our standard of living, is the right thing to do</p>
483	8/2/2021	<p>I have asthma and severe environmental allergies and this triggers them and the effects are long lasting for me to recover.</p>
484	8/2/2021	<p>Night burning, I believe, by light industry is part of the air pollution problem in Lake County</p>
485	8/2/2021	<p>Please put a stop to this dangerous and unhealthy practice!</p>

486	8/3/2021	Burning of wood is perfectly fine with me, but the burning of leaves, grass and needles spreads too much smoke and is terrible for people with asthma and allergies.	
487	8/3/2021	<p>I am totally against any open burning. It is terrible for the health of my family. The smoke is unpleasant and gets in my house and is difficult to remove. I have neighbors that burn things other than just yard waste. These fumes may be toxic and smell terrible. I live in a neighborhood which includes many acres of wooded land. Some people are not careful when burning. Twice I have had portions of my land burned when fires got out of hand. Once the fire department had to come to put out a fire that damaged trees, open land, and endangered horses nearby.</p> <p>Thank you so much for providing this survey.</p>	
488	8/3/2021	Information regarding burning and the harmful effects on human and the environment needs to be fully explained and enforced. Especially living in small cul du sac or other similar housing developments. When villages provide free pick up of yard waste tree branches etc it is not necessary for neighborhoods to burn these materials. Information and media blitzes need to happen. Preplanned burns to assist in ecological purposes should continue.	
489	8/3/2021	It is the right thing to do for environmental and health reasons. It should include all of Lake County.	
490	8/3/2021	My daughter has very bad allergies and asthma...People around here dont care how much smoke in the air. There are alot of days in the spring and fall she cant even go outside and we cant even open windows. People just keep burning from sun up to sun down...Its awful	
491	8/4/2021	Health concerns, environmental concerns, and cost of AC when windows can't be opened because of burning. Many neighbors burn every day which means I can't open my windows all day and must run AC. Leaves and grass can be mulched, there needs to be better education of how to dispose of such waste naturally. There should be stringent regulations on burning in terms of days, hours, wind speed. That way those of us with health problems can know that we need to close windows on those days. Thank you!	
492	8/5/2021	<p>It's vital that the best quality of air be maintained at all times but most especially during this time of the CoVid pandemic. There are good reasons for this restriction being put in place in the first place.</p> <p>Thank you for asking for residents input.</p> <p>██████████</p>	
493	8/5/2021	burning affects my breathing	
494	8/6/2021	Although I support a total ban on burning of landscape waste, I do support prescribed burns for invasive species control	I like the the idea of franchising as it will give all residents in unincorporated areas an easy and affordable option to dispose of landscape waste. Currently, many residents feel they have no other

			affordable option other than burning.
495	8/10/2021	Burning landscape materials pollutes the air and makes it difficult to breathe.	
496	8/10/2021	As someone who has suffered life-long with asthma and other breathing disorders, I think that all burning of leaves and brush and any other yard waste should be banned completely. Unfortunately the smoke and such that is created by open burning does not stay on a particular homeowners properly. All air is shared air. I cannot open my windows or go outside and enjoy my backyard space when the neighbors are burning. Please be considerate of those of us who have asthma or other breathing disorders and how serious it can be when we can't breathe because of the smoke. Thanks for listening!	
497	8/10/2021	We need to do our part in maintaining or global atmosphere.  We have neighbors who have asthma.  We cannot stand the smell of burning leaves, wood, etc.	
498	8/11/2021	I have asthma and I have a neighbor who burns his landscape waste 2-3 times/year. When he does this I cannot go outside. At times the smell of smoke gets into my house. I also have other neighbors who burn their landscape waste. It is not at all pleasant when they do. And at times there is no one out there by the fire with a hose to prevent the fire from possibly spreading.	
499	8/12/2021	Burning should stop. Smoke carries allergy qualities n pollution.  It is dangerous to buildings	
500	8/12/2021	The fumes are so invasive and linger. Just unhealthy and not good for our environment. Safety concern. A pick up service all year long would be helpful. Our service is only available for 6 months and and there is yard waste all year long.	
501	8/12/2021	We need to protect the health of residents by doing all we can to protect the quality of our air. Many suffer from asthma or other health issues. In addition, now that we are acutely aware of how COIVD-19 impacts lungs, we have even more incentive to keep our air as clean as possible. Let's get away from "this is how we've always done it" thinking and come up with other, reasonable solutions that won't impose an expensive burden on residents.	
502	8/12/2021	Our lawn waste from WM is included on our quarterly bill. Township p/u brush each week all year, and leaves in late fall for 6(?) weeks.  We can't see burning as our property is too small for that, and why add any more to global warming?	Warren Township collects most of our waste (tree & shrub) and WM collects other via bags during warm months.
503	8/14/2021	Please put an end to this dangerous and unhealthy practice!	

## **SECTION 4**

### **Comments received via Website**

Name	Comment
N/A	Keep the burning, not to different then your controlled burn in the lcfp
[REDACTED]	<p>We burn dead brush and leaves as needed. We are on an acre of land, are retired and we cannot afford to start paying for branches, trip limbs, and dried leaves. Our taxes are high enough that we just can't afford to add another bill with our limited income.</p> <p>I'm fine if we are allowed to burn only on certain days, but to totally eliminate it, would cause hardship on many seniors.</p> <p>Please consider my opinion. Thank you.</p>
N/A	<p>In our township, we have a truck that drives through and picks up tree branches and shreds them into mulch. The citizens of the township are able to pick up mulch to use in their gardens. Maybe a similar program can be done for leaves and other green yard waste, as this makes great compost material.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>I would simply offer when asking on the survey if you live in unincorporated Lake County and while I do not we do border a portion thereof. Simply suggesting keeping in mind not living in unincorporated does not eliminate the health risks too nearby neighbors .</p> <p>There is a time for everything, restrictions on open burning in urban areas of beautiful Lake County are well overdue.</p> <p>Thank you for addressing this issue yet again and good luck to a highly contentious one.</p>
N/A	<p>I am curious about ordinances regarding open burning of prairie grasses. I am in favor of prairie grasses vs. mowed lawns for many reasons, but know that they require occasional burning for maximum grass health. Does Lake County have ordinances covering this specifically?</p>

From 1999-2017, my residence was in the Woods Of Ivanhoe, located on the Ivanhoe Country Club. We had a family that lived just west of our community, near route 176, that would burn yard waste, and other stuff, almost weekly in the summer and fall seasons. When the wind was blowing from the west, many homes in our community were subjected to intense smoke; at times our back yard, adjacent to the club's ponds, could not be occupied because of the smoke. Despite attempts by our homeowners association to get this pollution/health hazard under control, including contacting Fremont Township and Lake County, this behavior continued. Given the fact that we are in a period of changing climate, to which human activity is generously contributing to, how can Lake County not stop the burning of yard waste in all areas of the county? Perhaps the county should consider how it can encourage yard waste burners to compost/use waste haulers via some form of subsidy/credit program.

Thank you for setting up an information website on open burning.

I have gotten involved in the county's vaccination effort and it is wonderful to see the progress being made with your weekly updates. When you started these clinics, you didn't stop and gather input from the public. You looked at the most current knowledge and acted. If you had based your decision on public opinion there may not have been any clinic because the skeptic may have had a bigger megaphone then those following the knowledge.

Open burning is also a health issue. Small in scale relative to a pandemic yet that does not mean we should be making the decision based on public opinion. I have a neighbor who is all for continuing open burning. He knows it is bad for his health and bad for the environment yet he does not care because he says he has already lived a good long life. We shouldn't let that public opinion influence a decision that should be based on knowledge.

Open burning does create a health hazard in the air we share and should be banned.

## **SECTION 5**

**Comments received via email  
by August 2, 2021**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Leaf burning

I read your comments today in the Daily Herald regarding leaf burning. I hope that you can work towards a solution to this. I moved to this area recently and can't believe that this kind of thing still goes on in Antioch. It is obviously a health hazard.

[REDACTED]  
Another thing with leaves here that I think should be addressed is raking them to the street for pick up. Leaves that are swept to the culverts here have the potential to end up in our lakes, causing issues with our lake water.

Ideally I think the county should be working towards a solution of bagging or cans, combined with publicizing the benefits of mulching compost.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:50 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Burning Ban

[REDACTED]

Where should I send my views?

What to those in favor of a total ban expect those of us in unincorporated areas`to do with our leaves and tree trimmings?

Is the county going to budget money to pick this stuff up if we can't burn it? Are they going to pass an ordinance telling my trees to quit dropping branches?

Sorry for the sarcasm, but this is making me crazy.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:25 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Vaccine Supply Increasing, New Motor Fuel Tax, April 6 Voting Info and more

[REDACTED]

Last year I contacted you about the proposed leaf burning ban. I live on 4 acres on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Could you please keep me informed of the planned proposal?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 12:55 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Leaf burning

You mentioned a vote is going to decide on leaf burning in the township. I have an acre with big trees, my neighbor to the west has three acres with big trees, he never cleans the leaves, mother nature moves them to my yard. My point, the environmentalists say just compost, next to impossible. I would like the county to contact someone for a fee would come by a couple of times in the fall and vacuum the leaves. The reason I am asking the county to look onto leaf pickup is leverage. I as an individual would not get to first base, but the county would get someone to listen to the prospect.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** 60030  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 12:30:16 PM

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Although I live in an incorporated area, people burn their garbage and rubber when they use their fire pits. When humid, it's very hard for me to breathe. Regardless of the law, no one reinforces it. Even if the police can't, maybe a community officer can in the future. Camera and lights on paths would be helpful as well

Thanks

Not sure why I couldn't access the survey

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:39 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Burning Restrictions

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I received your notice about open burning options in unincorporated Lake County.

I do not wish to have any restrictions that do not already exist. I believe we can't burn tires, for example, and of course we would never do that.

We do not need overstepping, Chicaco-style government in Lake County. I left Chicago to get away from that. If people don't like the open burning, tell them to move to Chicago.

Thanks so much,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open burning

I support a ban on any type of open burning. I have a neighbor that has actually ruined two family get togethers and doesn't understand why I get upset. We had to spend a beautiful day inside my house. She not only burns yard waste but paper and containers as she shares a garage bin with another neighbor so she burns as much as she cans. She is seriously ill now so her burning is not an everyday thing but we, at one time, have considered moving because of the burning. We can't even open our windows most of the time. I could see maybe a day or two of burning in the spring and one of two in the fall but every day has made my life miserable.

Thanks for listening?

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] >

**Subject:** Open burning restrictions

Hi [REDACTED]

The Board is creating a problem where there is none. We live in unincorporated areas so we do not have to deal with busy bodies that have nothing better to do than complain about their neighbors. If we wanted to deal with that nonsense, we would live in HOAs with overzealous restrictions.

I do not appreciate the survey questions being biased towards restrictions. Any survey that offers more options for banning than not indicates a strong bias towards the desired outcome.

I also do not appreciate the various options that require contracts with \$service provider\$. This reeks of government overreach and conflicts of interest. Would any of the waste disposal service providers show up as having donated monies to any board member...?

I have already submitted my survey response on [lake\\_county.gov](http://lake_county.gov) but thought you would appreciate a forthright and expanded rant that elucidates my position :-)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:22 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] >

**Subject:** Openburninginput

[REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED]. I am opposed to any ban on my right to open burning. When we have high winds,, I get a lot of tree branches down all over my eastern 5 acres. Without the ability to burn these downed barnches I would be unable to dispose of them. When I do burn, I only burn when the wind is out of east so that my neighbors do not get any smoke from my burning. All the smoke from my burning goes directlyly into my 5 wooded acres to the west. There are no homes west of my west 5 acres. Please vote to retain my right to burn my so-called landscape waste. Thank you for your interest in this matter. [REDACTED].



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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 1:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open Burning & Landscape Waste Disposal

Personally, we would prefer no open burning. Our neighbor across the street has actually thrown a sofa into his burn pile along with other items which caused noxious fumes and even ash that floated onto our backyard deck and patio. We had to close the windows of course. I suspect other people also throw things into their burn pile besides landscape waste.

It is scientifically recognized that the earth is in a global warming mode, and open burning can't help this situation. Additionally, it is not healthy to breath smoke. I pray that all the open burning does not cause any hazardous fires or injuries.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open burning

Hello! I'm a resident of unincorporated lake co (Antioch) and would like to let you know we would like to keep the open burn as it currently is. It is one of the many reasons we choose to live "out in the county". Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 8:04 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** open burning

We live on the East side of Petite Lake in a not too dense area of unincorporated Antioch Township. There are many oak trees so we have a good amount of leaves to dispose of in the fall. We burn leaves in our burn pit one week a year. Wind from the lake sweeps the smoke away in short order. Everyone enjoys the smell of fall!

I do not believe that my neighbors have any concerns about this activity. Lets not let a once in a century pandemic change our lives! Lets not let our elected officials and clean air marshal's spoil a wonderful fall tradition that is not harmful.

Please do not take away any more of our individual freedoms. We live in unincorporated lake county for a reason.

Thank you for asking for the peoples input.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open burning

We have the pick-up service for landscape waste. Our leaves are ground up by cutting the grass. We live in Fox Lake Hills.

I would like to have a no burning law enforced. Some days when pulling into the subdivision all you see is smoke. I have asthma. I have to shut myself in my home, with the windows closed and the air conditioning on, otherwise I'm unable to breathe.

When in the car I have to have the air on recycle. And I'm unable to enjoy a walk.

I have noticed that the incorporated Lake Villa has a truck that sucks up the leaves that are raked to the curb. Why can't we have that in the unincorporated area?

Thank you  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 4:46 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Burning

[REDACTED]

I am responding to your request for comments re: the open burning issue. We've lived in unincorporated Antioch for 9 years and the only thing we don't like about our neighborhood is the fact that our neighbors are allowed to burn yard waste. My husband has lung issues and I have frequent headaches & migraines which are triggered by smoke. What most people don't realize is that there are spores and mold that reside on the leaves & other yard waste that when burned are released into the air and then inhaled. These irritants can cause all sorts of problems for people who are sensitive, allergic or their health is otherwise compromised. There are numerous articles online from many reputable medical organizations that state that these irritants can live in your lungs for years making it hard to breathe and possibly causing cancer.

As a tax payer, I'd like to be able to open my windows when it's warm outside and breathe clean, fresh air vs. having to keep my home closed so none of the toxins enter my home and lungs causing yet ANOTHER headache. I appreciate the work you are doing to abolish leaf burning in all Lake County districts.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 4:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Burning & landscape waste disposal options

Thank you for the notice . Would like to attend any meeting.The weekly burning of garbage,waste & leaves in our unincorporated neighborhood is deplorable at best.Please keep me posted on future discussions,, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 9:04 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Burning

[REDACTED]

Just some of my thoughts.

I am against all restrictions. Living in a township and on property that is a couple acres plus, that is heavily wooded, gives me a little more freedom to do the necessary work to keep the property up. I do some mulching leaves and burn some in the fall. When storms come through there is usually sticks and branches that fall and I burn those after clean up. I also like to have pit fires throughout the year with and without the grand kids. Nothing like sitting around a fire in the back yard especially in the fall.

My choice of garbage pick up saved me money because of my choice to pick from 3 services. Saved money on senior discount and with that is removal of large items at no additional cost.

Learning from past experience living in Lindenhurst years ago, we had our choice of garbage pick up companies to choose from. Lindenhurst decided to just have one company and "save everyone money" guess what, my rates went up and there was added cost for extra services.

Sorry for my rant but the most feared words are "Hi, I'm with the ,National , Local, government and I'm here to help"

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 2021 8:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] >

**Subject:** Open Burning Question

Linda,

I live near Antioch Lake in Sabrina Manor subdivision. I do not see an issue amongst any neighbors with open burning of landscape waste at all. I also do not believe that residents of unincorporated Lake County need any ordinances to regulate open burning either.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Antioch



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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:43:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Burn

[REDACTED]

I hope it is alright to address you on a first-name basis. My Name is [REDACTED]. My wife [REDACTED] and I have lived on [REDACTED] for 26 years. We have lived in Lake County for over 50 years, we raised our family here and love the community. Our house is expansive and it is just us now to take care of it. This property was once a resort a century ago for people to come out from Chicago, the grounds are just shy of 3 acres. We have over 100 trees My wife is currently disabled, my son lives in Nashville.

Just a little background to explain the situation I am facing. This is the reason why all my trees or most are old/ falling/ almost dead. I usually have 2-3 trees fall down from the wind per winter. Huge trees. I cut them up best I can and burn them: also the best I can. I won't even mention the leaves.

To be honest, I really cannot add more expense than we currently have to get these trees cleaned up any other way. I have gotten bids before from licensed tree companies but there is really no space in our budget. Our taxes are \$1,000 a month, we are both retired on social security and it just covers our meager living expenses, we don't need to be a burden. We do not eat out, travel, anything. Just normal upkeep of our daily lives.

I don't think our burning bothers people since we burn in the back of our property pretty far from anyone. We only have one close neighbor and I would be happy to ask them and have them reach out to you to confirm, but they very rarely even come outside.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my feelings. I do hope you will take this into consideration. I do believe we had a vote on this a few years ago too?

Thank you again,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:49 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Burning Ban

[REDACTED],

I really hope this "temporary" ban on burning is not a precursor to a permanent ban.

This is unnecessary in the more rural areas, like unincorporated Antioch.

We, like many others out here have a number of mature trees that require trimming every year and just naturally drop a lot of branches. Since the Fire District initially banned burning I have accumulated 2 healthy sized piles that need to be burned and have just stopped trimming and cutting more.

What are we supposed to do with all this? I think it is silly to impose the same rules out here that may be more reasonable in more densely populated areas of the county.

Thanks for listening to my rant..

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Burning Ban

Thank you for the background information.  
Do you feel the temporary ban will be extended next month?  
I will definitely track down the McHenry County ordinance.  
Having lived in western Lake County since about 1956 it saddens me to look at how the number of people moving here to “get away from the city” have succeeded in turning us into exactly what they claimed to be trying to get away from.

Keep fighting for us!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 12:11 PM  
**To:** LC Govdelivery <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Virtual Informational Meeting: Open Burning and Landscape Waste Disposal Options in Unincorporated Lake County

Can you make sure that representatives from the waste management companies are in the meeting. The obvious solution us to develop a composting and chipping program as they have in many other states.

Also burning dates, if you have them, should be the same across villages. It makes no sense that I can not burn when my next do it neighbor can. Smoke doesn't respect boundaries b

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Comment: Open Burning  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:06:21 PM

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Thank you for your presentation tonight. I was surprised to see that close to half of the residents of unincorporated Lake County prefer to burn their landscape waste.

We live in the Bull Creek area. I noticed that your guidance thus far states that residents may burn between sunrise and sunset. We are residents who keep our windows open and try to use less air conditioning in our home. We have spent many a night after dark smelling landscape waste burning. Because it is after dark, we can not identify the origin of the burning. With the lack of rain in our area, burning after dark compounds the danger factor of starting a larger burned area..

How does one impress the importance of following present guidelines?

Respectfully,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:35:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open burning in county

[REDACTED]

Our home is on Park Terrace (Antioch Hills) in Antioch, with fairly good separation (150 ft plus) between homes. There are seven mature maple trees on our property and I suppose hundreds of thousands of leaves on the ground during Fall season. For decades we burned them in a concrete burn ring.

For the last year we now use a mulching blade on the garden tractor, but at times cannot keep ahead of the leaf fall and then need to gather them and burn them. Plus all the leaves and plant debris that must be gathered from the landscaped areas, flower beds etc.. In the 45 years we have lived on our street we have never once had a neighbor complain about our burning leaves in the Fall. A number of homes in the subdivision also burn.

What are we to do without a burn option? We are in Antioch Township with close proximity to village boundary.

[REDACTED].

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 2:47:38 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Burning

Good Afternoon,

Please note my objection to any ban on open burning in our outstanding community of Antioch. One of the only things that keep myself in this area. Currently work for GE and I will immediately transfer to another state if this comes to a successful vote.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open burning  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:58:03 AM

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The public just cannot afford to pay more. So my question is. Why is this necessary? Do you want more people to move out of Lake County? Why force the issue? Now who does this benefit? This also will hurt all the people both young and old. This is just wrong.

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** I moved out of state  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 10:50:26 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open burning  
**Date:** Thursday, July 22, 2021 8:15:29 PM

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Have a real meeting with real people- we want open burning

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 10:22 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Burning Landscape Comment

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[REDACTED]

Good Morning,

I did try to comment via the link & had felt frustrated.

My suggestion would be to only allow for wood burning on private property.

\*Allowing for burning of leaves causes distress for those with breathing concerns. They are subjected to staying in their homes because they have trouble breathing outside when neighbors burn leaves & in addition, NONE of us can open our windows to allow fresh air in on a cool day.

As I understand it, Lake County residents have the “luxury” of raking them to the curb. Not all municipalities allow for this capability.

Thank you for considering my comments!

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open Burning  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:53:43 AM

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The challenges of managing a larger property with abundant trees without the option of burning will be overwhelming. Picking up twigs and branches is a regular occurrence and when autumn arrives the accumulation of leaves is huge. Picking the right time for a dry burn a number of times, especially during the Fall, is critical as well. The first survey clearly identifies a large response against elimination of open burning for very practical and cost effective reasons. I urge those charged with policy to keep in mind the very nature of unincorporated Lake County and why a reasonable approach to open burning is essential going forward.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## **SECTION 6**

**Comments received via  
email by August 27, 2021**

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 4:15 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Property assessment appeal, Proposed countywide paratransit system, Farmers markets, and More

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm unable to attend the August 4 meeting on open burning. I live in Wildwood and would like open burning banned in unincorporated subdivisions where homes are close together. Warren Township offers several free programs to address yard waste, leaf pick up and branch removal.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open Burning  
**Date:** Monday, August 2, 2021 7:26:34 AM

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Good morning: I believe there should be NO open burning whatsoever at any time. In as much as I live in the village of Lindenhurst, people still burn during the day, even on beautiful days where you can't even open a window because of "the whiteout" effect.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sarah Surroz](#)  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open Burning Input  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:34:34 AM

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Greetings,

Thank you for giving careful thought to the topic of open burning and inviting the public to contribute to your consideration of options.

Openlands is a nationally accredited nonprofit land conservation organization that protects natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife, and improve the quality of life for all. Openlands holds 24 conservation easements in Lake County on 1,510 acres with an additional 3,795 acres in the surrounding region. Through our Lands in Harmony and Conservation at Home programs, we have worked with thousands of property owners throughout Lake County who seek to manage their landscapes in ways that support a healthy, resilient planet.

Please allow prescribed ecological burns and the burning of landscape waste to take place in appropriate locations and under appropriate conditions in unincorporated Lake County. Fire is an essential and cost-effective tool in the management of healthy, resilient landscapes. Property owners need the option to burn brush piles of buckthorn and other invasive species. Moving these large amounts of material to the roadside for pickup is not practical. Property owners also need the option to burn prairie gardens, rain gardens, woodlands, and savannas. Though fallen leaves should not be burned, an accumulation of dry branches and dead trees can present a hazard to our communities and burning is oftentimes the most practical method for reducing them. Since smoke and poorly handled fires can also present a hazard, we suggest that reasonable regulations, such as burning within 500 feet of a habitable structure, be complemented by public education and easy-to-grasp public information messages.

Thank you,  
Sarah Surroz

**Sarah Surroz**  
Director of Lake County Programs



[openlands.org](https://openlands.org)  
[Explore nature in our region with the Get Outside Map](#)  
[Support nature's power to heal with a gift to Openlands](#)



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting times for working citizens  
**Date:** Monday, August 16, 2021 10:48:29 AM

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Hello,

I work for a living, much like most of the taxpayers that you are reaching out to. It is nearly impossible for me to attend a meeting in the middle of a workday. This was sent with 2 days notice, making it even more challenging. I don't know whether government bodies actually want the input of concerned citizens or only wish to select those that have time during the middle of the week to attend these meetings.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open burning  
**Date:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 11:44:59 AM

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Hi,

I was wondering how I would be able to take the survey on open burning?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Ban the Burn  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:24:26 PM

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The smoke alone would be enough to trigger a health emergency, but combined with the spread of the coronavirus, health experts are concerned the region downwind from the The Burning of Yard waste could be thrust into a crisis.

Sent from my iPad

## **SECTION 7**

**Comments received via  
email by November 23, 2021**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Consolidated Waste hauling

Hi [REDACTED],

I am a resident in Unincorporated Antioch township.  
I wanted to write to you regarding my opposition to consolidated waste hauling in my area.  
I live at [REDACTED], Antioch IL and am opposed to being locked into a specific waste hauler.  
Currently, I have a choice of companies to pick up my garbage and recycling. Contracting with a consolidated waste hauler would remove that choice from me and my neighbors and would invariably lead to higher prices and less service. A guarantee of an area for any company would reduce competition and I urge you to stop this from happening.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Consolidated Waste Hauling in Unincorporated Lake County

Good afternoon. thanks you for the update. I surely hope that a consolidated waste hauler agreement is reached soon.

The four homes on [REDACTED] off of Grass Lake Road use four different providers, those on [REDACTED] Avenue use another! Then there is the additional truck(s) for recycling. It is wreaking havoc on the one lane gravel road that doesn't handle one truck well, The residents are required to maintain the road as neither the county, township nor the state will not take care of [REDACTED] St. or [REDACTED] Ave.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:23:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Burning ban

[REDACTED]

Please vote stop this restriction on burning. We like to burn and will not like it if you all continue down this road. We the people have spoken about our feelings on this matter. We want to continue burn!

If the board goes against the people, then the people will do everything to vote you out come the next election. We will not forget who voted against us.

I do not know how you feel about burning, nor how you will vote. I hope that you will vote for what the people, like me want, which is to be able to burn on our property that we pay taxes to own and be able to burn on.

You as the board are there to listen to the people. If you fail us, then we will fail you and get someone in there that will listen.

I understand that some people in other unincorporated do not want to burn, and that is fine if they don't. But there are other unincorporated areas that do want it.

Perhaps you as the board should be looking into which ones want to burn and which ones don't, then allow the ones that want to burn to burn and banned the ones that don't want to burn. Instead of trying to stop us all.

Please feel free to respond back to this email.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open Burning Question

[REDACTED]

I live near Antioch Lake in Sabrina Manor subdivision. I do not see an issue amongst any neighbors with open burning of landscape waste at all. I also do not believe that residents of unincorporated Lake County need any ordinances to regulate open burning either.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Antioch

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 11:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Burning in Umincorporated Lake County

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for the postcard and request for input. My wife [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED], Antioch, IL 60002 and we purchased this residence approx 4 years ago. Its approximately 10 wooded acres, populated with both large oak trees and many pine trees. It is dedicated as Illinois Forest and we receive a tax break for not taking down the trees. It is adjacent to Illinois Forest preserve and we don't have neighbors too close.

The property was not maintained by the previous owner and we spend just about every weekend clearing fallen trees, culling dead trees, and clearing overgrown vegetation. The Buckthorn in the oaks will likely take another 2 years to clear out. The primary method for disposing all of the debris is by burning. We also have an enormous amount of dried leaves in the fall from the oaks, which we also burn. Once we clear the Buckthorn, our plan was to conduct a controlled burn and restore the property to natural grasses and a more healthy and indigenous environment.

Burning seems the only logical way to dispose of the large amount of landscape waste. I believe we could fill a large dumpster a week (likely more), if we were not able to burn.

Obviously, we are against any open burning restrictions. It would also seem impractical for the County to attempt to pick up the large amount of landscape waste.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have further questions, and thanks again for soliciting input.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 9:04 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open Burning

[REDACTED],

Just some of my thoughts.

I am against all restrictions. Living in a township and on property that is a couple acres plus, that is heavily wooded, gives me a little more freedom to do the necessary work to keep the property up. I do some mulching leaves and burn some in the fall. When storms come through there is usually sticks and branches that fall and I burn those after clean up. I also like to have pit fires throughout the year with and without the grand kids. Nothing like sitting around a fire in the back yard especially in the fall. My choice of garbage pick up saved me money because of my choice to pick from 3 services. Saved money on senior discount and with that is removal of large items at no additional cost.

Learning from past experience living in Lindenhurst years ago, we had our choice of garbage pick up companies to choose from. Lindenhurst decided to just have one company and "save everyone money" guess what, my rates went up and there was added cost for extra services.

Sorry for my rant but the most feared words are "Hi, I'm with the ,National , Local, government and I'm here to help"

Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 4:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Burning & landscape waste disposal options

Thank you for the notice . Would like to attend any meeting.The weekly burning of garbage,waste & leaves in our unincorporated neighborhood is deplorable at best.Please keep me posted on future discussions,, [REDACTED] by Fairmont Shores



**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 4:57 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open burning & Landscape waste...

Hi [REDACTED], Hoppe all is well by you!

Just my 2-cents worth for the County Board's consideration would be to look into how the city of Kenosha handles their yard waste. I know Kenosha has at least one site on Hwy H where people drop off yard waste (leaves, grass & dirt), and I believe the city then recycles it into mulch and or top soil and resells it. I don't know if the city actually handles the labor end or maybe they subcontract that part to a landscaper possibly, but it obviously works for Kenosha and their residents.

I'm on a farm and use our grass clippings around trees for mulch and we do burn some leaves, sticks, twigs and branches as needed after storms etc. Common sense safety teaches us to not open burn on windy days or close to any woods etc.

Thanks for the post card  
and best regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 4:46 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open Burning

[REDACTED]:

I am responding to your request for comments re: the open burning issue. We've lived in unincorporated Antioch for 9 years and the only thing we don't like about our neighborhood is the fact that our neighbors are allowed to burn yard waste. My husband has lung issues and I have frequent headaches & migraines which are triggered by smoke. What most people don't realize is that there are spores and mold that reside on the leaves & other yard waste that when burned are released into the air and then inhaled. These irritants can cause all sorts of problems for people who are sensitive, allergic or their health is otherwise compromised. There are numerous articles online from many reputable medical organizations that state that these irritants can live in your lungs for years making it hard to breathe and possibly causing cancer.

As a tax payer, I'd like to be able to open my windows when it's warm outside and breathe clean, fresh air vs. having to keep my home closed so none of the toxins enter my home and lungs causing yet ANOTHER headache. I appreciate the work you are doing to abolish leaf burning in all Lake County districts.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Open Burning

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for all the work you do for our part of Lake County. We appreciate getting your updates and when you give us the opportunity to share our opinion with you.

We filled out the Open Burning and Landscape Waste Disposal survey the County put out recently. I wanted to share our views with you.

[REDACTED] and I have over an acre of property with a lot of trees. After a bad storm or during spring or fall clean up we have a lot of yard waste to burn. We respect that some folks don't like the smell and are very conservative when we do have to burn to get it done quickly and stay by it to keep all safe.

We appreciate all sides to this issue, but would like to see open burning allowed a few days per week to help all.

Let us know if you need anymore information.

Again thank you for your time and service to Lake County.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 8:04 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** open burning

We live on the East side of Petite Lake in a not too dense area of unincorporated Antioch Township. There are many oak trees so we have a good amount of leaves to dispose of in the fall. We burn leaves in our burn pit one week a year. Wind from the lake sweeps the smoke away in short order. Everyone enjoys the smell of fall!

I do not believe that my neighbors have any concerns about this activity. Lets not let a once in a century pandemic change our lives! Lets not let our elected officials and clean air marshal's spoil a wonderful fall tradition that is not harmful.

Please do not take away any more of our individual freedoms. We live in unincorporated lake county for a reason.

Thank you for asking for the peoples input.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Leaf Burning

I currently burn yard waste, mostly branches and leaves.  
I oppose any burning restrictions. My lot is 3/4 of an acre with many old oaks and maples. It would overly onerous to do anything but burn.  
Thanks for asking.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open burning

Hello! I'm a resident of unincorporated lake co (Antioch) and would like to let you know we would like to keep the open burn as it currently is. It is one of the many reasons we choose to live "out in the county". Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 1:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Burning & Landscape Waste Disposal

Personally, we would prefer no open burning. Our neighbor across the street has actually thrown a sofa into his burn pile along with other items which caused noxious fumes and even ash that floated onto our backyard deck and patio. We had to close the windows of course. I suspect other people also throw things into their burn pile besides landscape waste.

It is scientifically recognized that the earth is in a global warming mode, and open burning can't help this situation. Additionally, it is not healthy to breath smoke. I pray that all the open burning does not cause any hazardous fires or injuries.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:22 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Openburninginput

Dear [REDACTED],

My name is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED]. I am opposed to any ban on my right to open burning. When we have high winds,, I get a lot of tree branches down all over my eastern 5 acres. Without the ability to burn these donwned barnches I would be unable to dispose of them. When I do burn, I only burn when the wind is out of east so that my neighbors do not get any smoke from my burning. All the smoke from my burning goes directlyly into my 5 wooded acres to the west. There are no homes west of my west 5 acres. Please vote to retain my right to burn my so-called landscape waste. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:14 AM  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open burning restrictions

Hi [REDACTED],

The Board is creating a problem where there is none. We live in unincorporated areas so we do not have to deal with busy bodies that have nothing better to do than complain about their neighbors. If we wanted to deal with that nonsense, we would live in HOAs with overzealous restrictions.

I do not appreciate the survey questions being biased towards restrictions. Any survey that offers more options for banning than not indicates a strong bias towards the desired outcome.

I also do not appreciate the various options that require contracts with \$service provider\$. This reeks of government overreach and conflicts of interest. Would any of the waste disposal service providers show up as having donated monies to any board member...?

I have already submitted my survey response on lake [county.gov](http://county.gov) but thought you would appreciate a forthright and expanded rant that elucidates my position :-)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:17 PM

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** i used the email address on the postcard but received this error message

thank you for asking

--i say NO open burning.

The address "[lakecountyil.gov/openburninginput](http://lakecountyil.gov/openburninginput)" in the "To" field was not recognized. Please make sure that all addresses are properly formed.

1. It is not good for the environment
2. also those of us with asthma and allergies (tough to breathe) are compelled to remain in doors on the nicest days. (well, they can't burn in the rain)

and NO exceptions. my neighbor owns almost an entire block of grass and wooded area. when the covid restrictions on burning were discussed with them, they called the fire department and got an exemption.

also, the use of firepits gives people an out

i'd say have the waste management system provide this service. rake it into bags, and have them pick it up.

it's just too much for me, breathing wise.

a good neighbor, with health issues :(

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:24 PM

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open burning

I support a ban on any type of open burning. I have a neighbor that has actually ruined two family get togethers and doesn't understand why I get upset. We had to spend a beautiful day inside my house. She not only burns yard waste but paper and containers as she shares a garage bin with another neighbor so she burns as much as she cans. She is seriously ill now so her burning is not an everyday thing but we, at one time, have considered moving because of the burning. We can't even open our windows most of the time. I could see maybe a day or two of burning in the spring and one of two in the fall but every day has made my life miserable.

Thanks for listening?

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:39 AM

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Burning Restrictions

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

I received your notice about open burning options in unincorporated Lake County.

I do not wish to have any restrictions that do not already exist. I believe we can't burn tires, for example, and of course we would never do that.

We do not need overstepping, Chicaco-style government in Lake County. I left Chicago to get away from that. If people don't like the open burning, tell them to move to Chicago.

Thanks so much,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 12:55 PM

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Leaf burning

You mentioned a vote is going to decide on leaf burning in the township. I have an acre with big trees, my neighbor to the west has three acres with big trees, he never cleans the leaves, mother nature moves them to my yard. My point, the environmentalists say just compost, next to impossible. I would like the county to contact someone for a fee would come by a couple of times in the fall and vacuum the leaves. The reason I am asking the county to look onto leaf pickup is leverage. I as an individual would not get to first base, but the county would get someone to listen to the prospect.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:25 AM

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Vaccine Supply Increasing, New Motor Fuel Tax, April 6 Voting Info and more

[REDACTED]

Last year I contacted you about the proposed leaf burning ban. I live on 4 acres on [REDACTED]. Could you please keep me informed of the planned proposal?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:50 PM

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Burning Ban

[REDACTED]

Where should I send my views?

What to those in favor of a total ban expect those of us in unincorporated areas`to do with our leaves and tree trimmings?

Is the county going to budget money to pick this stuff up if we can't burn it? Are they going to pass an ordinance telling my trees to quit dropping branches?

Sorry for the sarcasm, but this is making me crazy.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:32 AM

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Leaf burning

[REDACTED]

I read your comments today in the Daily Herald regarding leaf burning. I hope that you can work towards a solution to this. I moved to this area recently and can't believe that this kind of thing still goes on in Antioch. It is obviously a health hazard.

Another thing with leaves here that I think should be addressed is raking them to the street for pick up. Leaves that are swept to the culverts here have the potential to end up in our lakes, causing issues with our lake water.

Ideally I think the county should be working towards a solution of bagging or cans, combined with publicizing the benefits of mulching compost.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 2:16 PM

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Burning

[REDACTED], there should not even be a burning ban in Antioch.

I have lived in the same house for 27 years and in the area for 36 years.

I and my neighbors have a lot of trees and brush. Burning is necessary in this area. Besides that we like bonfires at times.

We have never had a problem except from outsiders. Lets be hones nobody should try to burn wet leaves or brush but once in awhile there is a moron in the group.

Our area is wooded, and highly wooded at that. Yes some areas are not but this is not Arlington heights or Schaumburg.

Honestly, these so called suburbanites move to Antioch and then want to change everything. They've escaped some the higher home prices and taxes of Cook County yet they think they can drop in and impose all these rules.

If nothing else you can keep the burning days as is. That would work.

That is my take.

[REDACTED]  
Antioch resident

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 5:48 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Lake County Burn Ban Concerns

Good evening Lake County board members.

My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in Lake County (Lindenhurst and Antioch) since 2006. I moved into Northern Lake County because it offers a little bit of seclusion from the super hectic busy or areas in Lake County. It also allows me to live a little bit more country than city. I grew up in a small town in Central Illinois before I joined the military in 1988 and was looking for that type of place when I retired here in 2012. So, when it came time to plan for retirement, my wife and I purchased a home in Antioch in 2010.

Although I live in an incorporated part of Antioch, I have many friends who live in unincorporated areas in Lake County. They enjoy being unincorporated, because it has generally meant that they don't have nearly as many regulations, or sometimes services, or conveniences, as those in the Incorporated areas do. That has been their choice, and I applaud them for it.

I am disturbed and upset to learn that you plan on passing a burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Lake County, sometime in October or November of this year. You may place restrictions on the burning, but anyone who burns out here, knows that this is really tantamount to a complete ban. I believe that this is an overreach and you should reconsider what you're doing.

Your recent survey, which you had over 1,100 results returned, with an overwhelming majority of over 80% of the respondents saying that they opposed a burn ban, should have told you all you need to know. However, you chose to go against those you represent, and push this ban forward.

Are you not representatives of the people? Were you not voted in or unopposedly appointed to your seats? You're there to represent the people, not your own selfish or self-serving interests. The bottom line is, the people have spoken and you need to follow what their wishes are.

There are many people in unincorporated areas in Lake County who cannot afford Waste Management pickup. Now you are going to saddle them with expenses that they cannot afford because of what reason? Because you don't burn? You have some left-leaning Environmental Studies? Many of you have constituents in your areas that are less than 1% unincorporated.

Do you realize that those who live in the Northwestern part of Lake County live a little differently than you do in Highland Park, Libertyville, Lake Forest, Vernon Hills, Gurnee, etc.? Have you ever even visited out here except maybe to go on the lakes? It is different out here and we love it that way!

I implore you to reconsider your position on this burn ban and understand how it will have a negative impact on those who live in the unincorporated areas in Lake County, especially in the Northwestern areas, where many of us live. This is our way of life and you are intruding upon it. For what reason? You really think that burning after 5 p.m. between November and March is acceptable? You think that banning the burning of yard clippings is going to be cheap and that those who are on fixed incomes or cannot afford it, will be okay with this? Your safety measures are laughable! How are you going to have a garden hose out there in December, January, February, or March, when it's frozen?

You're just trying to impose your will upon the people who you represent, many of whom in this burn ban, you do not represent. Let me be very clear, nearly all of you do not have people in your districts who burn. There are a few of you who do represent the majority of those in the unincorporated areas of Lake County, who do burn. You should be the ones casting a weighted vote, based on your percentage of land that is unincorporated. The rest of you, should feel ashamed about what you're trying to do to people who you do not represent.

I'm asking you again to stop this boat from moving forward.

I hope you respond to me and tell me what your plan is, because I will be sharing this information with everyone that I know. If you move forward with this ban, I can guarantee you that each and every one of you who do, will be voted out next time. People are getting sick of government intrusion into our daily lives, and this is yet another example where you are doing it. Stop the tyranny! You represent the people, and the people have spoken.



[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:26 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Burn and Garbage Service

I'm writing for my voice to be heard.  
I live in unincorporated Antioch.  
I oppose the open burn ban as well  
as not giving me a choice for who hauls away my garbage.

I oppose these for many reasons, 1st and foremost  
I feel it is my property and I choose to burn tree  
limbs and leaves. Not a government body  
telling me how to take care of My property. (which I  
take care of very well by the way), and

As for garbage hauler, again it is My choice who I choose  
and who best fits my budget. Not a government body  
telling me how to spend My hard earned dollars.

In summary I am against the open burn ban and  
"you" choosing my garbage hauler.

[REDACTED]  
Antioch, IL

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open Burn Restrictions  
**Date:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 2:04:24 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to voice my support for more restrictions on open burning. Living in Lindenhurst we can smell the smoke from areas South of Grand Ave. Some days the smoke is so thick you can see it from Linden Plaza and it smells like you are right on top of it. We have several people with asthma and allergies and on these days we are forced to stay indoors and or take our rescue medicines. Being indoors does not completely eliminate the smell as of driving through a neighborhood that has several homes burning. It is proven that open burning contributes to poor air quality and an increase of asthmatic attacks and ER visits. Open burning also contributes to overall air quality reduction for the general public. Besides the burning of leaves people burn treated wood, plastics and other material that should not be burned. Another related issue is the lack of enforcement that is done when proper rules are not followed. I am in favor restrictions to open burning but hope a reasonable and cost effective alternative method can be come about.

Thank you  
Lindenhurst Resident

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open burn  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:02:37 AM

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To all,

I live in Antioch township in Lake County [REDACTED] if you are inclined to investigate. I have a little over 3 acres. Approx. 180 x 800. My house was built in the 50s. My yard is bordered on the south by 9 Antioch houses built in the late 90s. That would be the 800' side. To my north is approx. 7-8 acres with 2 residences whom are also County and also burn regularly. To our west and east is also newer homes also built in the late 90s. Our 3 houses have approx. 11 acres. That's a total of approx. 11 acres of heavily wooded trees. Including oak, maple and buckthorn. Even with the massive quantity of leaves, sticks and branches the rules have made it so we cannot burn the leaves and large branches that fall regularly. Let alone the large amount in the fall. If I am misunderstanding I would appreciate some clarifications. We by far surpass the 5 acres but the 500' to another residence comes into play. Not one of us can set up a burn pit that is 500' from anyone. Yet we have 11 acres. That's is twice the minimum of 5 acres. To bag the leaves or try shredding them is absolutely ridiculous. Mulching them is just as bad. The lawn would be smothered by the thick layer of chopped up leaves. I know because I tried it. How about dragging them up to the street? Also not feasible. The pile would be so large it would block the road and would require large trucks to move them to the from. I have a couple stick piles 4' high and about 6' across just from the sticks from the last storm.

I have lived in this house for almost 20 years. My house was here long before I was born and was here long before my neighbors newer homes were built. I take great care and pride to make sure my lawn and property is well maintained. I only burn when the smoke would blow in a away from the closest house. I avoid burning during heavy winds, people that I see outside on their patio, or if I know someone will be having guests. Typically I burn approx. 5 times an year. Say 2 or 3 in the fall and 1 or 2 in the spring. I moved into the county to avoid the heavier restrictions of having a town address. Slowly but surely there is no value. I pay the same real estate taxes as my Antioch neighbors but I have no curbs, no sidewalks, no water or sewer, I have to wait for county police unless it's an emergency. That includes a time where I heard a gunshot. Antioch police would not respond because I have a county address. I can't even go to the community pool that is 1 mile away unless I pay as a non-resident.

I was very surprised to hear the board wants to pass more restrictions on burning when even their own survey shows more residents oppose a restriction or ban. Your duty is to serve the county residents correct? If the voting body majority wants to be able to burn yard waste than I would assume that motion would be carried. I completely oppose a full ban on burning yard waste in Lake County. I am also opposed to the 500' burn rule. This completely eliminates my ability to burn. I do not have an issue with day restrictions as long as there are still several days during the week to burn. Weather and work could get in the way and with greater restrictions comes the possibility people will burn wet leaves because it's the only day they can burn but the leaves are wet.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open Burning Indeed  
**Date:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 6:17:53 PM

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Hello,

I attended the last two public meetings on this topic and offered public comment but there is an additional comment that I'd like the committee and board to be aware of that is very important to my health.

I realize that you cannot control laws at the state level so recreational use of marijuana is not something you can control but it occurs to me that if you can regulate and restrict open burning at the county level there is no reason you could not also regulate and restrict recreational use of marijuana at county level.

I bring this up because there are several individuals in my neighborhood who frequently (nearly daily) use marijuana outside. They smoke so much that it causes a cloud of smoke to fill the neighborhood and invade my home. I am allergic to marijuana so it is a major trigger for my COPD, asthma, and allergies, and it makes me extremely nauseous. I do not have air conditioning so my windows must remain open through the warmer months.

If you are serious about "people's health" and "air quality" as was touted over and over again in the last public meeting on September 1 then add some regulations in Lake County that prohibit individuals from smoking marijuana outside, or at least when there is wind, etc. to prevent this type of irritant from polluting the air and making people sick.

I would appreciate if this comment would be passed on to all members of the committee and board for consideration. Please also acknowledge receipt of this message.

Thank you for your time and concern for the health of Lake County residents.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open burning, why would you put up a survey when it really doesn't matter what your constituents want. Nov. isn't good I put my hose away so that my lines don't freeze and its more than likely going to be far too cold to be outside. Also I sure hope...  
**Date:** Saturday, September 4, 2021 1:23:51 PM

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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Open burning in Lake County  
**Date:** Friday, September 3, 2021 10:23:49 AM

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I don't know what brought up the thought to change the open burning guidelines, but I think things are just fine the way they are right now.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, September 3, 2021 10:22:31 AM

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I'm disgusted, disappointed and quite frankly angry about the proposal to essentially BAN ALL BURNING in Lake County.

The proposal is insulting when you look at the actual timing of burning allowed. Minutes on certain days and an hour or two during the winter????

Seriously, it's insulting and clearly shows the residents of this county are NOT being represented by this board. This is NOT doing your do diligence for this county.

Why have open discussion and surveys only to completely ignore the will of the people?

I will be openly voicing my opinion on social media and more importantly will be voicing my concerns again to remind people when it's election time.

I live in Antioch and have been a strong supporter of Linda Pederson , but that ends here and now.

[REDACTED]  
Sent

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Burning in Lake County  
**Date:** Friday, September 3, 2021 6:05:30 AM

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Once again you are punishing people who work and can't live with these hours and yet accommodating malcontent people who just want to complain about everything. Those that live off society is the implication included here.

At least giving some evening hrs for those that work, have large yards and need to burn to keep up with it all should be an option.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Reasonable Burning Restrictions and Fairness in Determining Waste Hauling Services  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:08:21 PM

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Dear Decision-Makers,

I have always been supportive of certain restrictions on burning, but not all are reasonable or environmentally responsible. I agree that burning should be limited to wood as leaves produce so much smoke and can be mulched, but I think the window for burning being offered currently is too narrow. The sun sets before 6:00 from October 22- March 13. Considering commutes and time needed for wood to burn as well, many people with jobs will either have to take off work OR burn all at once on mild weekends. If we have some nice weather on a Saturday or Sunday in November or March, I wouldn't plan on breathing fresh air then. Also, brush piles are great for rabbits and winter wrens, but not so great if they begin to take over your yard. Limiting the burn season too much will lead to excessive accumulation and its associated problems, especially if the weather is unusually cold or wet.

I am also in favor of using a county waste hauling provider IF it is fair to residents, but that is a bigger IF than I first thought. I believe that fairness would involve allowing people to opt out if they can prove that they have access to a service that better meets their needs. Fairness should also include ensuring that the county will only agree to and keep a contract that is and remains favorable in terms of cost to all over time. I had understood a county contract for waste hauling to be a solution proposed in order to benefit residents and offset the potential hardship in having to cut back on the freedom to burn. If people are forced to pay more for a service they don't even want, that will be a double burden instead. Many people are already struggling during these challenging times without being hit with two more difficulties to bear.

Please do not rush into your decisions. Why not start out with less impactful measures as you follow up on newly raised concerns, talk to townships, study further options, and give the public time to adjust? There is no reason you can't revisit open burning and waste hauling in the future if we haven't done enough. Please stick to reasonable ways of addressing the VERY important issue of clean air without penalizing residents who are already responsible, conservation-minded, and doing their best within the realities of space, time, budgets, and physical limitations. Further, please listen to the district representatives who are closest to the people most affected. Some of the matters raised in areas that are mostly incorporated can be resolved by people simply working things out with a small number of their neighbors (ex. a ballpark dealing with smoke during games).

Thank you so much to those who are faithfully serving!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Burn and policy  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 2:35:15 PM

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Hello all,

What can I do to help get more responses for lake county?

I feel like people in my area would be willing to get their voices heard about open burn policy changes that seem to be taking place without enough public notice.

I would be willing to distribute your information in order to get a realistic number in my area.

The changes that are being considered are not fair to those who are not speaking up.

This is something that we all should be part of.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] - Unincorporated lake county resident

## **SECTION 8**

**Comments received via email  
since November 24, 2021**



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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10:51:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** RE: Open Burning

[REDACTED],

We hope all is well with you. I would like to ask a favor of you. My wife and I are departing tomorrow and will not be back until just before Christmas and I will miss the meeting tomorrow concerning open burning in Lake County, could you please pass on my following comment? Thank you.

I am against the proposed new ordinance restricting open burning in unincorporated Lake County. All published available information indicates the majority of residents in unincorporated Lake County are also against the proposed ordinance. I hope your decision for the new ordinance is based on fact and not a few (non-unincorporated) Lake County residents complaints.

Thank you [REDACTED] for your time, and Merry Christmas to you and your family.

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** Lake County fire ban  
**Date:** Friday, December 17, 2021 1:18:49 PM

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Referring to the recent letter from Sandra Hart a possible fire ban in Lake County, that Diana O'Kelly posted...

It would be really useful to know "why" Lake County is considering this. The letter strangely provides no context whatsoever. As well, the proposed solution does not seem workable at all for large property owners. I generate large amounts of debris and nowhere near the road... it is not at all practical to haul it to where it can be picked up (there isn't even a place to pick it up on my property... and you'd need 20 several 20 yard dumpsters). And aggregating large burn piles thru the blistering summer heat, waiting for the November date, seems very dangerous (I had that restriction thru Covid, and it was insanely dangerous).

If you "really" needed to do it (and again... I have no idea why, and it doesn't seem rational to me, except maybe on small properties, which is probably most of them), seems like a property size exemption should be put in place (I have a 4 acre lot and a 6 acre lot that adjoin, and I probably have 10,000 trees on them).

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT PASS THE BURN ORDINANCE!  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 12:10:27 PM

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To the board, as you heard from the public a few weeks back we DO NOT want this burn program and/or waste program. I really hope everyone truly listens to the public on this as it was NOT requested by “the people” of Lake County. Has anyone considered the increase in garbage vehicles burning fuel, oil and tearing up our roads? These big trucks don’t run on hopes and dreams and I don’t believe this is “going green” by not allowing us to burn.

It is VERY CLEAR most of you have never lived on a good sized property because you can’t just expect people to accumulate and then only burn in the WINTER! How would you like to go outside and dig through the snow wondering oh where did I put that pile of sticks or tree stumps 5 months ago I’d like to shovel the snow off and then have a fire now. Are you kidding me!?! I have several properties that would be affected by this one of which is a large bee farm on 8 acres. We meticulously maintain the grounds as well as plant new all season long as we lose trees and branches like clockwork. It would be IMPOSSIBLE to put branches, stumps and trees in BAGS, that doesn’t even make sense. Not to mention now it sounds like the government is trying to say WHEN and HOW I can work, I don’t think it works that way. When you have time you handle the job around our farm and that means in between rain, muddy season or our kids naps – you can’t expect people to be limited to certain days or months that makes no sense. I mean do you really think it’s a good idea to have 1000’s of people burning all on the SAME DAY, you have to be kidding me.

Another thing is this RESTRICTION would hurt property values. We should be doing the opposite of restriction right now, let’s save the good residents we have by trying to find ways to save money and attract or keep good residents NOT give them more restrictions. People live in unincorporated areas for a reason please stop taking them away! People that have issues with others burning can handle them like adults and walk over to their neighbors and make a solution, WE DO NOT NEED THE GOVERNMENTS HELP.

What about the tenants renting from landlords, they do not want increased costs or more restrictions! The landlords aren’t going to babysit their tenants on additional guidelines or restrictions. This “idea” really hasn’t been thought through and it sure wouldn’t make sense to pass something that the people don’t even want anyway.

We need the forest preserves to do controlled burns, are they only going to be working in the winter months as well now? How much more will that cost us, is that even possible!?! NO ITS NOT!

I really wish our Government spent quality time on how to make Lake County feel more like the American Dream instead of things like this, this is not an issue for probably 99% of the residents and seems to be another waste of tax payer dollars AGAIN! We have to STOP WASTING TIME AND MONEY before all the good residents are GONE, you know exactly what I’m talking about.

ALSO It was very sneaky of Lake County to post the meeting date literally days before the hearing on the web site and perhaps I seen a facebook post but the title wasn’t clear on exactly what this was

about! Only 1 district rep sent out post cards notifying residents as well, that's no way to inform the people and more importantly the tax payers paying your salaries! Things like this should be clear and concise you can't expect the public to visit lake county's web site daily. I know you have email mailing lists but have you told the public they exist and to how to sign up? No because if the people knew half of what went on it wouldn't be voted for, this has to stop we need you members to work for the people not against us, please!

I am completely against this and I know MANY others are, I encourage you all to do the right thing and toss this idea in the burn pit.

PS – I was present during the zoom meeting weeks ago but was not called on for some reason (yes I was registered click wanted to speak) so let this be my 3 minutes. I do have a lot more to say and plan to be apart of the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, January 2, 2022 11:40 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Burn ordinance feedback

[REDACTED],

Thank you for considering my input regarding the proposed burning ordinance. I was the last public speaker at the December 8th committee meeting. My primary concern regards the limited time options for burning wood and brush. The current proposal is to limit available time to weekends from November to March. I am also concerned that there are no considerations for larger parcels of land.

My wife & I have about 4 acres of land. As you can see in the attached file much of it is wooded. We accumulate a large amount of wood & brush on our property each year. Our plan is to eliminate as much of the underbrush and invasive species as possible over the coming years, but even then, all of the trees will continue to generate significant amounts of wood & brush.

Also, to the comment that recreational burning will help alleviate accumulation of excess wood during the non-burn months is sheer folly. As you can see in the last page of my attachment, we still have piles of wood that I have accumulated for recreational burning over the years. We don't have enough time to recreate that much.

While we would do our best to comply with the proposed rule, I believe this proposed

rule will have unintended consequences. Accumulating wood & brush for 7 months before being able to manage it will be excessive. Please consider rules that are more accommodating to those of property owners that must manage large amounts of wood & brush.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New County Board district map, Holiday tree recycling, and More  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:05:22 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:06 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: New County Board district map, Holiday tree recycling, and More

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your timely response. I took the opportunity to watch the video of the meeting where the ordinance was discussed. It strikes me that this really gets at small residential lots and doesn't really consider the different needs of larger parcels. Collection isn't really needed or an option for the time and amount of clean up and clear out work that a CSP requires. Leaves and shrubbery and gardening pruning for which collection might be better suited are not a significant issue for conservation related properties. I am afraid the "restoration" related burning you mentioned appears to be targeted at control burns of grass lands like those that occur at Prairie Crossing. I have not studied the nuisance ordinance but didn't see any exemption in the draft discussed on December 8.

While I have commented on this ordinance in the past I don't seem to be on the mailing list. So could i ask you to forward my comments to the appropriate persons and ask that I be included on future mailings on this issue? Thanks again.

Peace, Patience and Kindness,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, December 20, 2021 at 3:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: New County Board district map, Holiday tree recycling, and More

[REDACTED]

Let me start by first saying thank you for your efforts to provide residents with information on the deliberations and work of the County. We all have a responsibility to be informed. It is great when we have help from governing entities.

I would like to address the open burning ban highlighted in your newsletter. As the owner of a 23+acre parcel of land which is being maintained under a conservation stewardship plan I would like to request an exemption for properties being maintained as open space or CSP. As your newsletter highlights the County has a great open space/environmental legacy (We have been around long enough to remember voting for open space bond initiatives). Folks maintaining open space and CSP properties are maintaining their properties in the spirit of the County policy. Unfortunately maintenance of these properties with the elimination of non-native species and replanting programs can generate significant materials. The cost of hauling off clearance materials can more than double the cost of clearing efforts needed for replanting of "invaded"

areas. Spring cleanups aren't limited fallen twigs and branches as winter winds and weather helps to "prune" by removing old and unhealthy trees that have overgrown areas. The removal of buckthorns and honeysuckles begins producing mounds of materials that aren't really conducive to haul away/bagging programs. Leaves and gardening materials that these programs are generally used for are generally not an issue for OS and CSP properties as they are either not collected or added to compost piles. The current proposals seem to underestimate the amounts of woody landscape materials that can be accumulated on large parcels of overgrown and invaded areas of larger parcels. Hauling materials to a singular burn pile can also be a hardship on larger parcels. Singular pile for parcels 5 acres or less might be workable. The November to March window does not seem to be the best for those of us whose greater issue is woody waste as opposed to lawn and leaf waste. The months of April and October are much better choices. Fallen timber and branches could be collected and burned in the spring. Invasives taken out in the spring and summer could be burned in the fall after they have had a chance to dry out. While we are supportive of the health and environmental objectives of banning open burning, we believe that providing at least bi annual burning windows for OS and CSP properties is a limited exception which balances environmental/health concerns with a policy that promotes open space preservation and rehabilitation. I would be happy to work with members of the staff if the Board is open to considering our suggestions. Hope you have a happy and safe holiday season

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Lake County Open Burning](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Discrepancy on dates for landscape waste service in contracts with waste haulers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:14:54 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 9:39 PM  
**To:** LCPermits <[lcpermits@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:lcpermits@lakecountyil.gov)>  
**Subject:** Discrepancy on dates for landscape waste service in contracts with waste haulers

[REDACTED]

I have been following the single hauler issue closely for months. I want to bring to your attention what I believe is a small discrepancy in both contracts attached to the Jan. 5 PWPT agenda related to franchise agreements with the two waste haulers selected. (Agenda items 8.16, 8.17)

The discrepancy relates to the dates of service in relation to **Section 4.2 Landscape Waste/Food Scrap Collection** on both contracts.

At the top of page 6 on the LRS contract it states; The Contractor shall collect, transport, and dispose of commingled Landscape Waste and Food Scraps from **April 1 through December 15**.

However, on the bottom of page 6 it reads: All Landscape Waste/Food Scrap shall be collected from each Customer by 7:00 p.m. on each designated day of collection, except as otherwise agreed between the County and the Contractor, between **April 1 and December 1** of each calendar year.

This same discrepancy on dates (**Dec 1 vs. Dec 15**) occurs on pages 6/7 of the Groot contract. I feel fairly certain that December 15 is correct as this is the date listed in both the RFP as well as the Award Information documents.

I appreciate that you have put in many hours on this issue! I apologize if this is not an error, but the two mismatched dates just didn't look quite right to me :-)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
resident, unincorporated Lake County