



CHIPPEWA VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2006

APRIL MEETINGS

With the coming of spring we can be faced with late snowstorms as winter tries to hang on just a little longer. We have rescheduled the Hazard Tree presentation, so we will be having two meetings this month.

As many of you may already know, we will be co-hosting the 2007 WIMGA Annual Conference in Eau Claire next year and we are in charge of decorations. We will need volunteers to grow and dry gourds for the conference. Master Gardener Joanne Ray will be giving a presentation on gourds at our meeting on **Monday, April 10, at 6 PM** in Room 3 at the courthouse.

Our second meeting of the month will be **Monday, April 24, at 6 PM** at the Extension Office. The presentation will be on Hazard Trees by Cindy Casey, Urban Forestry Coordinator for Wisconsin DNR West Central District at the Extension Office.

The presentation portion of these meetings counts as Educational Hours. Attendance also counts towards earning your name badge. To earn a name badge, you must attend at least six meetings and work on one of our projects during a year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bluebird Project. Work will begin on cleaning and putting up new bluebird houses on Monday, April 3, at 5:30 PM, with a rain date (or work overflow date if needed) of Thursday, April 6. Materials needed include: spray bottles with 5% bleach solution for disinfecting houses, rags, brushes, screwdrivers, portable drills, and hammers. Participants will also need to dress appropriately for outdoor work as the ground may be muddy.

We will also be planning group and work schedules for recording birds inhabiting the

houses at this time. Past schedules have worked out so that a group has only had to go once a month.

The bluebird houses are located near the bike trail by the county land. To get there, take Cty Tk I past the hospital and keep going until the road bends to the left. At the bend there is a road to the left, turn there. The driveway is to the immediate right of the turn. For more information on the Bluebird Project contact Gaylord Oppedard at Gpoppegard@aol.com or telephone 723-4613.

Earth Day Clean-Up in Downtown Chippewa Falls on Saturday, April 22, from 9 AM to Noon. To register to participate, call Chippewa Falls Main Street at 723-7858.

Master Gardener Booth at Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 22, from 8:45 AM to Noon at the new Harmony Park Downtown Chippewa Falls near Korgers. Help is needed to answer questions in regards to composting and planting trees, as well as some pruning questions. This will be outside, so dress accordingly for the weather. Please contact Laura Franta at 723-6711 or talloaks@charter.net if you are able to help out.

Newspaper Articles. Since Earth Day and Arbor Day both fall in April, articles on composting and planting trees are welcome for the local newspaper. Please submit all articles to Jerry.

BY-LAWS AMMENDMENT

A committee has been working on updating our by-laws. Several needed changes have been discussed. Voting on the suggested amendments will take place at our April 24 meeting following the Hazard Tree Presentation.

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES**

The WRLS will be hosting the following events in 2006

Spring Educational and Bulb Sale

April 8, 2006 9:00-5:00
L.E. Phillips Senior Center 1616 Bellinger
St. Eau Claire, WI

10:00 "How to Prepare Your Lilies for Showing"

Betty Holmes and Sue Kaul)

11:30 Bark, Berries, and Grass

(Jeff Epping-Olbrich Gardens)

**1:00 English Design Gardens
(Jeff Epping-Olbrich Gardens)**

Free admission

Info: Call Sandy 723-8168 Or
schleyzelm2@charter.net

59th Annual North American Lily Show & Symposium July 14-16, 2006

Ramada Convention Center
205 South Barstow Eau Claire, WI
Info: Call Darrel 715-353-2625 Or
asns@indianheadtel.net

2006 Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

Members of the UW-Extension Horticulture Team will be hosting the annual profession development "Responding to Horticulture Inquiries" on June 5 at the Dane County Extension Office and June 7 at the Marathon County Extension Office. The program objectives are to acquaint new agents, summer agents, and Master Gardener volunteers who respond to questions at the County offices, with UW-Extension horticulture diagnostic services, resources for research based information, and members of the Horticulture Support Team.

The program information and schedule for both locations are as follows:

When: Monday, June 5, 2006
Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Dane County Extension Office
1 Fen Oak Court
Madison, WI
Ph. 715-261-1230

OR

When: Wednesday, June 7, 2006
Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Marathon County Extension Office
212 River Drive, Suite 1 and 2
Wausau, WI
Ph. 608-224-3700

Contact Robert Tomesh with questions and program reservations: 608-265-4536 or robert.tomesh@ces.uwex.edu .

Program schedule

9:30.....*Welcome*

9:35 -10:20....."Yard and Garden Weed Identification and Management", Jed Colquhoun,
UWEX Weed Specialist

10:20 – 10:30.....Break

10:30 – 11:30....."Abiotic Stresses of Woody Ornamentals", Laura Jull, UWEX Woody Ornamental Specialist

11:30 – 12:00....."*UW Diagnostic Services*", Brian Hudelson, UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic
-Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic
-Insect Diagnostic Lab
-Turf Disease Diagnostic Clinic
-Soil and Plant Analysis Lab

12:00 – 1:00.....Lunch

1:00 – 1:30....."*Responding to Horticulture Inquiries*", Bob Tomesh, UWEX Horticulture Specialist

1:30– 2:20....."*Plant Insects in review from 2005*", Phil Pellitteri
UWEX Insect Diagnostic Lab

2:20 – 3:10....."*Plant Diseases in Review from 2005*", Brian Hudelson,
UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic

3:10– 4:00....."*Pesticides Available to Homeowners in 2006*", Panel Discussion

The Voyager Community Education Program offers the following classes:

Soil, Sustainable Landscape Design and Native Plants

Everyone wants a landscape that is easy to maintain, looks great and will last a long time. Designing a sustainable landscape that is attractive, low maintenance, cost effective, functional, and environmentally friendly will be the focus of this class. A discussion of soil fertility and the importance of healthy soil for growing plants, as well as information on use of native plants in the landscape or as a rain garden will be included in the session.

Instructor: Jerry Clark, Crops and Soils Educator, Chippewa County-UW Extension
Location: Middle School Auditorium
Date: Tuesday, April 18
Time: 6:30-9:00 pm
Class Fee: \$5
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 11

Spring Container Gardening

In this class students will have the opportunity to watch the creation of container plantings in both Traditional and European styles as demonstrated by Christensen Florists. Participants will learn proper planting procedure then design and plant a container from their choice of greenhouse annuals. Materials fee includes: 14" pot, soil, plants and instruction to create a patio container to take home.

Instructor: Josh Christensen, Christensen Florists
Location: Christensen Florists, 1210 Mansfield St.
Date: Thursday, April 20
OR Thursday, April 27
Time: 7:00-8:30 pm
Class Fee: \$5
Materials Fee: \$30 to be collected at class.
Registration Deadlines:
Thursday, April 13 for April 20
Thursday, April 20 for April 27

Hanging Moss Basket

Watch a demonstration on designing, selecting and potting plants in a hanging basket. Learn how to care for the basket and where to hang it. Look through Klinger's Market to select plants and then create your

own basket to enjoy for the summer. Materials fee includes: moss basket, prepared soil and your choice of plants. Students may make a 14" floor pot if preferred.

Students should bring sharp scissors and plastic to protect your car trunk.

Instructor: Mary Klinger, Klinger Farm Market

Location: Klinger Farm Market, 12756 132nd St.

Date: May 2 (Tue) OR May 3 (Wed) OR May 4 (Thu)

Register for ONE DATE ONLY

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$5

Materials Fee: \$20 to be collected at class.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 25

Growing Shiitake Mushrooms

Growing your own mushrooms is a fun and delicious activity. This hands-on class will teach you how to inoculate logs with mushroom spore and how to care for them to produce tasty and nutritious Shiitake mushrooms. Oak logs, the mushroom spore, needed equipment and instruction will be provided for you to prepare at least two small logs at this workshop.

Inoculated logs will be yours to take home and nurture to harvest.

Instructor: Gaylord Oppegard, Master Gardener

Location: Middle School Room 528

Date: Tuesday, May 2

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Class Fee: \$5

Materials Fee: \$7 to be collected at class.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 25

Classes are filled on a first come first served basis. To learn more about classes or to find out how to register, contact Laura Kasdorf, Community Education Coordinator.

Voyagers Community Education
Korger Chestnut Bldg.
140 W. Elm St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

726-2400 Ext. 5027 or email
kasdorla@chipfalls.k12.wi.us

On **Saturday April 8**, the Barron County Master Gardeners are holding their annual **Spring Garden Expo** from 8:30-3:00 at the Cameron Middle School. An exciting agenda will be presented which includes speakers, demonstrations, displays, vendors, silent auction and lunch on site.

The theme of the expo is GARDEN FRIEND-ZY.

- Diana Alfuth, UW-Extension Horticultural Specialist, will speak on Zone 3 Tried and True Shrubs, Perennials and Annuals.
- Ralph Couey, owner of Cinder C Farms in Chippewa Falls will talk about Hot Topics for Vegetable Gardeners.
- Starla and Alecia Enger of My Sister's Garden and Nursery in Hudson will talk about New Annuals and Perennials for the garden.
- Nori Haverstock of the Minnesota Water Garden Society will talk about Water Gardening.
- Demonstrations on the art of Waxing Flowers and making a Sundial Thyme Clock will be presented by Marilyn Saffert, Barron County Master Gardener of Rice Lake.

Displays on "Soil Sampling", "Ferns of the Area", and "Invasive Water Plants" will allow those attending to learn about these interesting topics. Some of the vendors will be Bergmann's Greenhouse, Book World, Clear Creek Nursery, DragSmith Farms, Foundation Gardens, Heavenly Scents, and the Wisconsin Regional Lily Society.

Lunch may be purchased on site from Cameron Boy Scout Troop 52.

So please join your fellow gardeners for an informative and entertaining day to kick-off your spring GARDEN FRIEND-ZY!

"Vines to Wine" grape growing classes co-sponsored by Martell Vineyards and WITC Saturday, April 22, 8:30 AM to 4 PM at the Cashman Conference Center, WITC New Richmond Campus, 1019 S. Knowles Ave., New Richmond, WI.

Tom and Deb Martell, owners of Martell Vineyards in Somerset, WI are offering "Growing Grapes in the Upper Midwest – Part I, a one day beginners' class. Topics include: creating a vineyard, trellising, disease and pest management, Midwest varieties, basic pruning and marketing your crop. Doors open at 8:30 AM, class begins at 9.

For directions to Cashman Center and lodging options in New Richmond, go to <http://www.witc.edu/nrich/center/index.htm>

Cost, including lunch and breaks, is \$60/person if paid registration is postmarked by March 31 and \$65/person if postmarked after March 31. Seating is limited. Deadline for paid registration is April 10.

Send completed form and check, payable to Martell Vineyards, to:
Martell Vineyards
439 208th Avenue
Somerset, WI 54025
Phone: 715-247-3386

Lunch with the Gardeners on Saturday, April 29, from 9 AM to Noon at Fanny Hill. \$25/person includes seminars, refreshments, lunch, tax, and tip.

8:30 – 9 AM Registration, breakfast refreshments will be available.

9 – 9:15 AM Introductions and welcoming guests.

9:15 – 10 AM "Gardening is Fun!" presented by Jenny Reit.

10:10 – 11 AM "Floral Design Demonstration" presented by Jen Larson.

11 – 11:45 AM "Tour with the Creator of the Fanny Hill Gardens" presented by Louise White-Roach.

12 – 1 PM Lunch will be served.

Make checks payable to Fanny Hill and mail payment to:
Fanny Hill
Attention: Lunch with the Gardeners
3919 Crescent Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703

The Wisconsin Gourd Society will be having its Wisconsin Gourd Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from 9-6pm at Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts in Mineral Point. Members of the Wisconsin Gourd Society are planning a great day of gourds. Gourd artisans and crafters will be instructing workshops and doing free demonstrations for anyone interested in learning gourd art and craft techniques. They will also be selling their unique pieces--bowls, birdhouses and beyond. There will be an art exhibit and competition, silent auction, raffle and door prizes. Gourd farmers will be selling seeds for growing gourds and dried gourds for arts and crafts. The Kid's Korner will be providing fun gourd crafting and educational activities for children. If you are interested,



Wren Bird House
by Shunglepobby

please visit www.wisconsinourgoursociety.org for event details and updates.

Need a Ride to the Gourd Festival? If you will drive, or if you need a ride, call Helen Mabrey at 834-0118 and she will match you up with riders or a driver. Meeting place is Oakwood Mall, Eau Claire; the cost for riders is \$15; drivers must have liability insurance. The deadline for calling is Saturday, April 15. You must be a Master Gardener to take part in this service.

BLUEBIRD PROJECT
Gaylord Oppedgard

For several years, Bluebird numbers had declined mainly because of habitat decline. However, Bluebirds have been on the increase in recent years because of a renewed interest in their well being. For the last 2 years a group of Chippewa County Master Gardeners has been working toward increasing Bluebird numbers in the St Joseph's Hospital area with the development of a "Bluebird Trail". At present we have about 35 houses which are monitored weekly during the nesting season. Volunteers take turns on weekends opening each nest box and making a count of eggs or young birds in the nest. Other species of birds will sometimes inhabit the nest as well. Volunteers will identify

the differences in nests and eggs of other species of birds. It is exciting to open each nest box and observe the changes which take place with the eggs and young from week to week. At the end of the nesting season we finalize our counts and send our results to BRAW (Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin.)

Please contact Gaylord Oppedgard if you have any questions at: Gpoppegard@aol.com or telephone 723-4613.

BROWN BAG PROGRAM

April 28, 2006 (12:00 noon)
Organic Apple Production for Homeowners
(contact your local UW County Extension Office for access)

Organic production involves a system that uses a combination of management techniques to maintain soil quality and fertility, and control weeds, pests and diseases. These are not without challenges; apple scab, rusts, apple maggot, codling moth, and curculio all have an impact on whether organic production is feasible. Each year these pests present themselves during the growing season and degrade fruit. Newer cultivars, with improved quality and hardiness, protectant products, and physical barriers are making organic growing ventures less risky. At present, organic production should be considered only on a trial basis. Join Bob Tomesh and Judy Rozell in a review of an organic system plan for a homeowner organic apple production.

ADDRESS AND EMAIL CHANGES

To help us keep our information up-to-date, please send changes to your name, address, phone number, and email to Jerry Clark at the Extension Office and to Peggy Nelson, the CVMGA Secretary,
6538 50th Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 852-1155
supermom@wwt.net

**OPEN BURNING AND BURN BARRELS
SPILL POLLUTION INTO THE AIR**

For Release: March 2, 2006
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Northeast Region
1125 N. Military Ave., P.O. Box 10448
Green Bay, WI 54307-0448
Phone: 920-492-5800 Fax: 920-492-5913

Contact(s): Marcy McGrath, DNR Waste
Management, Green Bay, 920-662-5493
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GREEN BAY, Wis. -- Open burning is a significant problem in Wisconsin. It is the largest cause of citizen air pollution complaints and the largest source of uncontrolled dioxin emissions in our state. Open burning can also be a direct health hazard to those doing the burning and those nearby.

Dioxin is joined by other contaminants including heavy metals, particulates, carbon and sulfur oxides, and hydrocarbons. These contaminants are found in both the smoke and the ash that remains after burning. The toxic chemicals settle on our fields, woods, water and in our soil. As a result, these substances accumulate in the foods we eat and eventually end up in our bodies where they can cause serious health concerns.

If you are burning your trash, you're affecting your health and the environment more than you know. Wisconsin's Recycling Law and local ordinances prohibit the disposal or burning of recyclable materials. All residents in Wisconsin have access to recycling programs to manage their plastic, glass and metal containers, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, newsprint, magazines and materials printed on similar paper. Contact your local officials if you need more information on using your community's recycling program. Reducing, reusing, recycling and landfilling are the environmentally acceptable ways to manage waste. Burning is not.

A model open burning ordinance for local governments has been published and is

available online on the DNR Open Burning web pages.. This ordinance is the result of cooperative efforts by the DNR, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the American Lung Association. The model ordinance offers municipalities a wide range of options for creating an ordinance to meet their needs. Some of the issues covered are materials that can't be burned, burning leaves and yard wastes, burn barrels, outdoor wood-fired furnaces and burning permits. The text contains numerous explanations of the issues and alternatives for local consideration. The publication is available online in PDF and MS Word formats and also available in printed form from DNR Regional offices.

In an effort to help individuals and communities in Wisconsin understand and deal with the problems created by open burning of trash, the Department of Natural Resources has created a variety of educational outreach items that are available from DNR Regional offices or through the Internet at <http://dnr.wi.gov/environmentprotect/ob/>.

The DNR has also developed an Open Burning Quiz that tests the knowledge of what's legal and what's illegal to burn in Wisconsin. Kids will have fun taking the quiz home and testing their parents. The quiz is available on the DNR Open Burning web page or in printed form from DNR offices. Additional materials on clean air and open burning for kids, parents and teachers can be found on the Internet at www.airdefenders.org.

A 15-minute videotape entitled "Open Burning: A Tradition to Discard" is available in either VHS tape or DVD format and can be borrowed for presentation from DNR Regional offices. The video is narrated and illustrates many of the problems presented by open burning. For more information, contact Marcy McGrath in Green Bay at 920-662-5493, Dave Misterek, in Oshkosh at 920-424-2104 or Rick Wulk in Green Bay at 920-662-5181.

OPEN BURNING QUIZ

Take the quiz - Which of these household materials can be legally burned in a burn barrel or an open fire on the same property where generated? Check (✓) those items that are legal to burn under statewide laws. (Municipal ordinances may be more prohibitive.) Answers on reverse side.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Milk Jug | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrugated Cardboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Urethane Foam Pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves (dry) | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Sealant | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Soda Bottles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treated Lumber | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Food Wrap | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines / Catalogues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Plywood | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insulated Electrical Wire | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Pipe | <input type="checkbox"/> OSB / Composite Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber Hose | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste / Garbage | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Weed Barrier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tire | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooden Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Softener Salt Bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Branches | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Plates / Cups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Garbage Bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Beer Cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins / Paper Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Needles | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Grocery Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingles | <input type="checkbox"/> Nylon Carpet | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Vapor Barrier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painted Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Polystyrene Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Dry Firewood | <input type="checkbox"/> Tar Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nylon Upholstery Fabric | <input type="checkbox"/> Polystyrene Foam Packaging | <input type="checkbox"/> Untreated Unpainted Lumber |

Remember:



- All materials emit **pollutants** when burned. Generally, the materials that cause the most toxic emissions are those that are prohibited from burning under state law. Try to avoid burning any waste material.
- If prohibited and allowed materials are **mixed**, they cannot be burned. Any prohibited materials must be removed before the allowed materials are burned.
- Check **local ordinances!** A local municipality may ban the burning of any material even if statewide regulations allow it.
- Check for **burning permits**. Even if the material is legal to burn, the DNR or the local municipality often requires a burning permit. During periods of high fire hazard, burning may be prohibited.
- Consider other **alternatives**. Even if the material is legal to burn, more environmentally sound alternatives are available.
- This quiz only applies to small quantities of **household** waste being burned on the same property where generated. The regulations do not allow **businesses** to burn the same materials that a household may. If in question, consult the regulations.



OPEN BURNING QUIZ ANSWERS

State law does not prohibit burning small dry quantities of the household materials with a ✓ mark, if they are burned on the same property where generated. Local ordinances may be more restrictive; check with your local municipality before burning. (The number listed after the materials below refers to the legal explanations of why the item may or may not be burned.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Milk Jug 1,5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrugated Cardboard 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urethane Foam Pad 1,2 |
| ✓ Leaves (dry) 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Sealant 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Soda Bottles 1,2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treated Lumber 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Food Wrap 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines / Catalogues 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plywood 6 | ✓ Waste Mail 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insulated Electrical Wire 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Pipe 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> OSB / Composite Board 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber Hose 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste / Garbage 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Weed Barrier 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tires 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooden Furniture 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Softener Salt Bag 1,2 |
| ✓ Tree Branches 8,9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic siding 1 | ✓ Paper Plates / Cups 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Garbage Bags 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Beer Cans 5 | ✓ Napkins / Paper Towel 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Oil 4 | ✓ Pine Needles 8 | ✓ Paper Grocery Bags 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingles 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nylon Carpet 1,2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Vapor Barrier 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painted Siding 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Polystyrene Plates 1,2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Toys 1 |
| ✓ Clean Dry Firewood 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tar Paper 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Building 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nylon Upholstery Fabric 1,2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Polystyrene Foam Packaging 1,2 | ✓ Untreated Unpainted Lumber 9 |

Explanations & Alternatives:



- All plastic, rubber and asphalt materials are prohibited from open burning under state law.
- This synthetic material is "plastic" and may not be burned.
- Wood that is painted or chemically treated may not be burned under state law.
- These materials are specifically prohibited from open burning under state law.
- These materials must be recycled under state and local recycling laws. They cannot be burned. (It is legal to use a small amount of paper or cardboard material to kindle a fire.)
- These materials contain resins and glues making them unsuitable for burning. They are not "dry unpainted, untreated wood" as referenced and exempted in the law.
- Even though state law allows burning after removing any plastic, many local recycling programs cover these materials. Recycling is a better alternative. If recycling is not an option, proper disposal is better than burning.
- Even though state law allows burning, composting and/or beneficial use of this material is a better alternative.
- Clean dry unpainted untreated wood is legal to burn, but if it isn't going to be beneficially used for heating, consider options other than burning.
- This waste paper material is not recyclable. Proper disposal is a better option than burning. Wet paper or paper mixed with plastic can't be burned.
- Individuals or businesses may not burn a building. The only exception is that a building may be burned only by a fire department for training purposes after notification to DNR and removal of illegal materials.

Additional Information:



- For additional information, contact your DNR service center or log onto the DNR Open Burning Web site: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/ob/>.
- Does your municipality have an open burning ordinance? Check with your local clerk or fire chief.
- For additional information on burning permits log onto the DNR Forest Fire Prevention Web site: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/Fire/index.htm>.
- The open burning regulations are in ch. NR 429 and s. NR 502.11, Wis. Adm. Code.