

Burning and Disposal Regulations for Solid Waste & Demolition Debris in Rural Steele County

Farm Sites (35 acres or more)

- Can bury farm buildings on the site where they exist (i.e. not hauled in from another location) without a permit
- If burning a building, must obtain a burning permit from the Sheriff's office (444-3800) and follow the restrictions on the burning permit. Ashes from burned building can be buried onsite.
- Can bury solid waste generated from the farm household or farming operation on the farm site with the exceptions below
- **Can** burn and bury paper waste and plastic baling twine that is generated on the farm
- **Cannot** burn plastics and garbage (i.e. discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving, or consumption of food)
- **Cannot** burn or bury the following materials: tires, rubber, treated lumber, household hazardous waste, appliances, household batteries, used motor oil, lead acid batteries, fluorescent lamps, mercury thermostats, TV's, and computer monitors

Non-Farm Sites (less than 35 acres)

- A permit-by-rule authorization from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is required to bury building demolition waste onsite (MPCA contact: Cory Boeck 507 206-2601)
- Even if a permit-by-rule authorization is obtained from the MPCA to bury building demolition waste, the following items cannot be buried:
 1. Tires
 2. Rechargeable batteries and lead acid batteries
 3. Appliances
 4. Fluorescent lamps
 5. Mercury-containing waste (i.e. thermostats)
 6. Asbestos-containing waste
 7. TV's and computer monitors
- For building demolition projects an **asbestos assessment and removal** would be required for any of the following actions:
 1. Burying building material onsite, because a demolition permit-by-rule doesn't allow asbestos-containing material (ACM) to be buried
 2. Burning a house as part of a fire exercise, because no ACM can be burned
 3. Hauling the demolition waste to the Steele County Demolition Landfill (2010 tipping fee is \$23/ton)
- An asbestos assessment and removal would not be required if hauling the demolition material to the Steele County Mixed Solid Waste Landfill (2010 tipping fee is \$54/ton)
- **Cannot** burn garbage, rubber, plastics, tires, railroad ties, chemically treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheetrock, wiring, paint, paint filters, hazardous wastes, industrial solid waste, demolition debris (unless it is an official fire exercise) or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke.
- **Cannot** bury household garbage onsite; must contract with a commercial garbage hauler for garbage collection or self-haul waste to the Steele County Landfill (583-7766)
- **Can** burn grass, leaves, and brush, but must obtain a burning permit from the Sheriff's office (444-3800)