## DON'T SEND YOUR REIMBURSEMENT MONEY UP IN SMOKE





## A pre-authorized site may not be within:

- Five hundred feet (500') of a residence unless the owner of the residence has given written permission for the open burning; or
- One thousand feet (1,000') of a school

For disaster-declared vegetative debris disposal, the Department of Energy & Environment and Arkansas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management recommend counties follow the requirements set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-316 to be considered for disposal reimbursement.

A county may only burn vegetative storm debris at a site that has been pre-assessed by the Division of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality to determine if the site is consistent with all state and federal laws and regulations.

For information regarding siting assessments, contact **Heinz Braun** at: 501.682.0756 <a href="https://heinz.braun@adeq.state.ar.us">heinz.braun@adeq.state.ar.us</a>

Additionally, notice must be provided at least three (3) days prior to open burning operations.

## **Open burning must:**

- Only occur during daylight hours on Monday through Friday
- Not occur on a state or federal holiday
- Be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the written notice or disaster declaration
- Be conducted in a manner so as not to create a nuisance to surrounding communities

## **Open burning may only be conducted if:**

- The county is in attainment with National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- A burn ban is not in effect for the county
- Adequate firefighting personnel are available to respond to an emergency

Alternative methods of vegetative storm debris disposal include the use of air curtain incinerators or composting.

For disaster information or reimbursement questions, please contact the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Recovery Branch at 501.683.6700 or recoverybranch@adem.arkansas.gov.