



New York State  
**DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSERVATION**



**IT'S  
ILLEGAL TO  
BURN  
HOUSEHOLD  
TRASH IN  
NEW YORK**

Today's household trash contains many items that produce unhealthy smoke like:

- **Plastics**
- **Metal foils**
- **Batteries**
- **Bleached or colored papers**

**To report  
environmental  
law violations call  
1-800-TIPP DEC**

**(Callers may file complaints anonymously)**

**Burning  
household trash is  
the #1 cause  
of wildfires  
in New York State**

**How to dispose  
of your trash  
RESPONSIBLY:**

- **Reduce...**  
avoid excess packaging  
and buy in bulk
- **Reuse...**  
as much as possible
- **Recycle...**  
paper, metal, plastic  
and glass
- **Compost...**  
kitchen and yard waste  
(remember that it's now  
illegal to burn leaf piles)

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