



PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL

ALLOTMENT FIRE CODE OF PRACTICE

Although fires are permitted on allotments from 1st November to 31st March, it is essential that this code of practice is strictly followed.

Each year, the Town Council receives complaints about smoke from allotment fires, which can cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents, and unnecessary air pollution. If you cause a nuisance by having a fire, you could find yourself being prosecuted for breaking the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Where possible the burning of green waste should be avoided and instead the green waste should be turned into valuable garden compost.

1. BONFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED BETWEEN 1st APRIL AND 31st OCTOBER

2. All fires should be lit in a metal container eg: oil drum or enclosed incinerator

3. Always dry materials before burning them. Fires of wet materials produce far more smoke than a quick hot fire of dry material.

4. Never use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light a fire, and make sure that the fire is located in a safe place.

5. Before you light a fire, check which way the wind is blowing, to make sure smoke will not blow directly into neighbouring buildings or over roads and preferably only light a fire on calm days.

6. If your plot is close to residential properties it would be courteous to contact them before lighting a fire, so they can close windows and get washing in.

7. In foggy weather or late in the evening, avoid lighting fires as smoke will not disperse easily under these conditions.

8. DO NOT BURN PLASTICS, TREATED OR PAINTED TIMBER OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL THAT ALSO GIVES OFF TOXIC FUMES.

9. One fire on a site causes less nuisance than two or three so please liaise with your neighbouring tenants before lighting your fire.

10. Do not leave any fire unattended

11. If the Council receives A SECOND valid complaint about a particular allotment, the tenancy agreement will be terminated.

TENANTS ARE ALL ASKED TO ENSURE THAT THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES

Full name(s)

Plot Number

Signed

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