

## **Burying Demolition Debris**

Uncontaminated rocks, bricks, concrete, road demolition debris, and dirt are not subject to solid waste regulations (see [329 IAC 10-3-1](#)), and therefore do not have to be disposed of in a landfill. Such debris may be left or buried on-site, or may be used off-site as fill, so long as it is not placed in a wetland or floodway. However, no other types of demolition debris may be buried or left on-site. It can include materials that can compress or decay over time such that structures built on unknown burial sites could, at some future date, be subject to subsidence.

## **Open Burning of Certain "Wooden Structures" or Demolition Debris**

Open burning is not generally an allowable or safe alternative: (for the rule, please refer to the Indiana Administrative Code [[326 IAC 4](#)]). Open burning must conform to specific state guidelines and any local ordinances on open burning. The open burning of certain "wooden structures," such as barns, out buildings, sheds, garages, corn cribs and outhouses, is allowable, but only under the following circumstances:

1. The burning must take place in an unincorporated area and on the site where the structure is located (a person may not demolish a "wooden structure" and haul it outside the city limits to burn);
2. If the "wooden structure" has an asphalt roof, vinyl or asphalt siding, wiring, or any material other than wood, concrete, brick, glass or metal, that material should be removed so that the structure can be considered a "wooden structure;"
3. All asbestos containing materials and treated lumber must be removed and not burned; and,
4. All such burning of "wooden structures" must confirm to specific state guidelines and any local ordinances on open burning.

The debris remaining from burning a wooden structure must be properly disposed at either a permitted municipal solid waste landfill or a permitted construction/demolition debris landfill.

No other open burning of demolition waste is allowed without first obtaining a variance from IDEM. Please visit IDEM's Web page for [Open Burning Forms and Guidance](#) for more information and guidance. Questions concerning open burning variances and state rules may be directed to IDEM's Air Compliance Branch at (800) 451-6027, ext. 3-5672. Regulated solid waste and asbestos-containing materials and treated lumber must be removed for proper disposal at an approved facility. IDEM provides information, including tips for homeowners and a listing of state-permitted municipal solid waste landfills, on IDEM's Asbestos Waste Handling Requirements Web page. Questions about licensing, demolition, notification and disposal may be directed to IDEM's Asbestos Section, toll free at (800) 451-6027 ext. 3-6880, or IDEM's Industrial Waste Compliance Section at (800) 451-6027 ext. 308-3103 or 308-3008.