

Help! WE NEED YOUR BURN PILES

What: A FREE community yard-waste drop-off event offered as an alternative to outdoor burning.

Where: The Twisp transfer station, off Twisp Airport Rd.

When:

- o Saturday, 10/29, 9-4
- o Tuesday, 11/1, 10-4
- o Thursday, 11/3, 10-4
- o Saturday, 11/5, 9-4

Why is this event being held?

The Methow Valley Clean Air Project (MVCAP) is working to improve the quality of winter air (Oct.-Mar) related to the use of wood stoves and outdoor burning. In the Methow Valley each year, smoke from these sources results in a predictable decline in air quality made worse by winter temperatures and inversions. Poor air quality effects all of us, but children, the elderly, and those with breathing problems can be most harmed.

What can I drop-off?

We are providing this service as an alternative to burning yard waste – natural, unprocessed vegetative material. A drop-box will be at the Twisp transfer station and available during business hours for participants to SELF-UNLOAD leaves (OK if bagged), grass, bark, weeds, brush, branches, or small trees no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

What is not allowed?

Garbage of any kind, lumber scraps or construction debris, cardboard.

Will someone help me unload?

Possibly. We are seeking volunteers to have on-site. Saturdays are the most likely times someone can assist. You may either need to walk your loads into a dumpster, or potentially lift them over a 7' tall side.

Will you do this again?

We are running this pilot drive this fall to determine community participation and desire for this to become an annual event, such as the metal drive. We hope to avert the burning of up to 6 tons of vegetative material, and avoid more than 600 hours of smoke pollution in this first event.

Who helped make this happen?

The MVCAP was funding for this event by the Washington State Department of Ecology's Air Quality and Waste-to-Resources programs. Additional support came from the Methow Valley Citizen's Council, WasteWise, and the Methow Valley Long Term Recovery Organization.

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