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Committee-in-Charge / Allotment Holders

Liverpool Municipal Allotments

### **Guidance for burning on allotment sites.**

Dear committees and allotment holders,

Limited burning is currently allowed on all allotment sites. In order that this is allowed to continue at your site it is vitally important that the following directives and guidance is understood and followed.

- Burning on all allotments sites is only allowed during the winter months. From **1<sup>st</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> March annually**. Burning is not allowed outside of this time frame.
- No burning is allowed during the hours of darkness.
- Only clean dry waste is allowed to be burnt. **No plastics, tyres or any other hazardous materials including painted wood is to be burnt on site.**
- Consideration should also be given when lighting a fire to weather conditions. This should consider the wind direction (not gusting towards residential properties). Any change in wind direction towards residential properties, fires should be extinguished immediately. Damp conditions are also preferable.
- Fires should be kept small **and attended to at all times**. An example of a small fire is what can be burnt inside a small 90 litre metal dust bin or incinerator. *Incinerators are highly recommended for safety reasons as opposed to open fires.*
- Allotment holders **must not** bring waste from their homes to burn on site.
- If allotment holders have excessive waste on their plots, it is their responsibility to dispose of it responsibly at their nearest Merseyside waste recycling centre. <https://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/>

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Please note. All sites are routinely monitored for compliance, with complaints reported to the Environmental Health department investigated. This could result in the following action being taken under **The Environmental Protection Act 1990**.

- Introduction of a blanket ban on burning at allotment sites.
- Fines and eviction notices issued to any allotment holder found to be in breach of the Act quoted.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Yours faithfully.

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