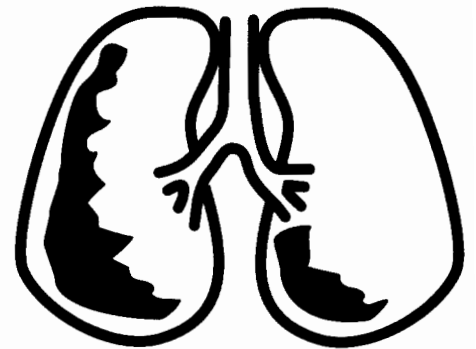
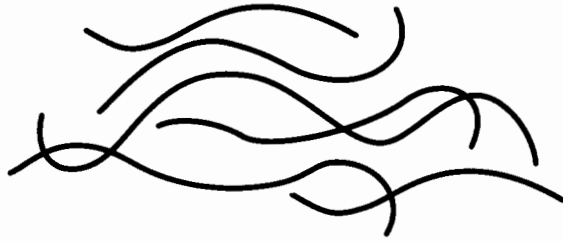
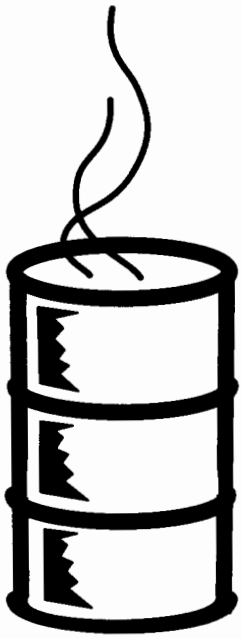


BURNING YOUR TRASH MAKES IT DISAPPEAR... UNTIL IT TURNS UP IN YOUR LUNGS



Materials with chlorine,
PVC plastics,
bleached paper, etc.

Hydrogen chloride gas
plus water vapor.

Hydrochloric acid in your lungs.



Be a good neighbor



Protect our health

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ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING TODAY'S TRASH

You can Rethink — REUSE, REDEEM, RETURN, REFILL, REBUILD, RECLAIM, RECHARGE, RECYCLE, and . . . PRECYCLE.

YOU CAN REDUCE . . . reject, make less waste in the first place.

* Precycle. Every time you buy something, you can make a precycling choice. Buy and use recyclable products rather than things that end up in our landfills. Avoid containers that are not reusable or recyclable. If alternatives are not available, write and tell the store manager what you prefer.

Write to manufacturers and mail order companies to tell them you chose a different brand because of the way it was packaged. Tell them that you only want to receive mailings or purchase goods from businesses which use "post consumer waste" and soybased inks for printing. If enough people write, there will be change.

* Compost, or let your yard debris and food waste decay (they account for about 25% of all Vermont solid waste). You can even compost indoors with "Red Squiggly" worms. Contact your local Solid Waste District for information. Or find someone in your community who could put your waste into their compost.

* Reduce the "junk mail" you receive. When ordering by mail, tell the company you do NOT want your name given out for other mailing lists. Also, write to: Mail Preference Service, % Direct Mail Marketing Assoc., P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735; or call 212-768-7277.

You can REUSE. Rethink before you throw anything out.

* Even "junk mail" envelopes can be used to send out your own mailings. Just mark over the old address and readdress.

* Ask yourself, "Could I reuse it? Could someone else use it, could it be fixed, or some part of it be salvaged.?" Check with your local salvage companies.

You can RECYCLE. Most areas in Vermont now have "recycling depots." Call the VT Recycling Hotline, 800-932-7100. Plastics are very toxic when burned. Those with the numbers "1" "2" and "6," (but not "tubs") can be recycled. So can newspapers, magazines, cardboard and boxboard (cereal boxes, etc.), glass, metals (aluminum and tin cans), paper (without glue, adhesives, stickers, etc!). If you can't go to a depot, ask a neighbor to pick up your recyclables, or ask your trash hauler for curbside pick up.

Rethinking the way we treat our trash today, will save our children from suffering the consequences tomorrow.

**PLEASE
DON'T
BURN
TRASH**

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Protect our health

Today's trash is different from yesterday's! Burning synthetic materials is a toxic threat to our health.