

BE SMART ABOUT BRUSH AND TRASH GASOLINE & FIRE NEVER MIX

I TREAT KIDS WHOSE PARENTS USE GASOLINE TO START BRUSH OR TRASH FIRES. MY SPECIALTY IS GRAFTING BURNED SKIN. I WISH PARENTS WOULD PUT ME OUT OF A JOB.

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BEFORE YOU BURN

What you need to know about burning trash and brush.

1. **Try other options first.** Burning can be bad for your health, bad for the air and tough on neighborly relations. See if there is another way to get rid of brush or trash.
Some ideas: recycle aluminum and glass, turn your brush into mulch, pay a teenager to haul it to the dump.
2. **Know the law.** You may need to notify the fire department or burn only during certain hours. Many places do not permit burning at all. Contact your local government to learn what's required.
3. **Call the fire department and tell them about your plans.** Just in case.
4. **Check the weather.** Wind + fire = trouble.
5. **Burn in a clear area.** Make sure there are no branches or wires overhead. Contain trash so it won't scatter once alight.
6. **Stay with your fire until it's out.** If your fire escapes, you may be able to stop it from spreading.
7. **Never use gas to start fires.** Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors can explode. For easy fire-starting methods, visit *RealMenRealFires.com*.

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