Burning garbage is illegal
It harms our air, land, water, and everyone who lives here.

Waste Navigator
Please visit our Waste Navigator for a map based list of disposal options.
gis.co.scott.mn.us/wastenav/

Cost
Garbage service cost less than $30/month on average in rural Scott County and includes recycling

Violators
Face fines up to $1000 and up to 90 days in jail.

On the web
For more information on what can and cannot be burned, please visit: scottcountymn.gov/openburning

Garbage has changed
Today’s garbage contains plastics, metals, dyes and chemicals that, when burned, release hazardous toxins that pollute our air, settle on our land and in our water and are ingested by you, your family, your pets and other animals. Burning garbage -- including painted or treated wood -- is against the law.

Don’t Justify it
There are plenty of reasons that people decide to illegally burn their trash. They range from a lack of knowledge on available disposal options to simply not taking the time to drive to the local landfill, or feeling the cost of disposal does not apply to them.

What should you do?
Don’t burn your garbage. If you see someone burning garbage, solid waste, hazardous waste, furniture, mattresses, buildings, or building debris illegally please call Scott County’s Emergency Communication Center at 952-445-1411.

Not all fires are illegal, Scott County allows property owners to burn vegetative matter in backyard recreational fires and burn piles (including trees, brush, grass, and leaves that were generated on their property) if done in accordance with all local and state permits and rules.

Choose a better option and use one of the many free or inexpensive tree and yard waste recycling sites throughout the County for disposal instead of burning.