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## *Burning Practices Recognized by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture*

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) recognizes fencerow removal, interior tree removal, and brush removal as essential activities in agriculture. The burning of the accumulated wood and brush material is necessary to promote cultivation of crops and pasture area for a variety of reasons, including pest and weed control, maintenance of usable area, and safety for livestock and farm workers.

Burning of these materials is critical to agriculture because the decomposition of stockpiled materials can create compounds that are toxic to cattle and other livestock. In addition, piles that are not timely burned create habitats for weeds and predators of farm animals.

In addition, field residue management by burning is also recognized by the KDA as an essential activity.

Here is a link to the Kentucky Department for Air Quality's **Learn Before You Burn** pamphlet.

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