

Nairn Allotment Society Code of Practice for Bonfires

1. Bonfires must be supervised and attended at all times.

2- Only natural, dry materials which are too woody for composting should be burnt-

Wherever possible composting and or shredders should be used in preference to burning.

Any household rubbish, rubber, plastic (including bags and bottles) foam, tyres or oils should be removed from site and taken to the dump.

Only items grown on your plot can be burnt, no other material

3- To avoid damage to property and especially to polytunnels, ideally bonfires should be made inside an appropriate container to give greater control. Water should be kept ready for use if necessary.

4- Bonfires must not be positioned within four feet of any fencing, hedging, shed or other buildings or within two feet of a path or roadway.

5- Any tenant found to have caused damage with a bonfire shall be liable for the full costs of repair or replacement.

6- There shall be no Bonfires on Bank and Public holidays any site restrictions on lighting times should be followed. To avoid nuisance to neighbouring properties we are currently restricted from 1st Oct to 31st March, and only after 2pm at weekends.

7- "No bonfire shall cause smoke nuisance to the surrounding residents" as stated in section 79(1)(b) of the Environment Protection Act 1990.

8- Any tenant found to be causing a smoke nuisance by the Environmental Health Department and/or a Committee member or be in breach of the Code of Practice may have their allotment tenancy terminated.

9- It is the responsibility of the plot holder to inspect their bonfire prior to lighting and to ensure that any wildlife is removed and prevented from harm