

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION DIVISION

GUIDELINES FOR MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR
INCINERATORS AND BURN BARRELS

I. LOCATION.

The location of the incinerator/burn barrel shall be at least ten (10) feet from any stumps, logs, over-hanging vegetation, branches or trees.

II. INCINERATOR CONSTRUCTION.

- A. The incinerator/burn barrel walls will completely enclose the combustion area.
- B. The walls will be constructed of metal or some other non-combustible material and be in good condition.
- C. The top will be covered with a ¼ inch in diameter or smaller steel mesh screen lid.
- D. Vent holes larger than ¼ inch in diameter will be covered by ¼ inch steel mesh.
- E. The incinerator/burn barrel must be attached to a steel post or attached to the pad in such a manner that the incinerator will be immobile.

III. MAINTENANCE.

- A. Remove vegetation that may be hanging within ten (10) feet of the incinerator.
- B. Keep needle litter removed from the incinerator site.
- C. Replace components as their condition deteriorates to maintain minimum construction specifications.
- D. Ashes should be cold to the touch before disposal.