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Alternatives For Disposal Of Vegetation From Land Clearing And Maintenance

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1. Take the vegetation to an ADEM – licensed landfill.
2. Allow the vegetation to **decompose naturally**.
 - It may be left on the property from which it is generated.
 - It may be taken to a location off site, but it cannot be burned there.
3. If all conditions below are met, the vegetation may be burned.
 - Only **clean (no fuel or non-vegetative refuse added)** vegetation may be burned.
 - It must be burned on the **property from which it is generated**.
 - The burning must be at least **500 feet** from the nearest occupied dwelling and a distance from any road that would prevent visibility issues from the smoke.
 - The fire should be started between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. No vegetation should be added to the fire after 3 p.m.
 - No vegetative or land-clearing burning is allowed from **May 1 to October 31** of each year in the following Counties: **Baldwin, Mobile, DeKalb, Montgomery, Etowah, Morgan, Jefferson*, Shelby, Lawrence, Russell, Madison and Talladega**. Some agricultural and silvicultural burning may be allowed in these counties during these months with prior approval from ADEM and the Alabama Forestry Commission. Unless prohibited for drought and safety reasons, the burn ban does not prohibit the use of outdoor fireplaces and camp fires.

If you have any questions, contact the ADEM Air Division at (334) 271-7879 or (334) 271-7897.

**No open burning (agricultural and silvicultural) is allowed in Jefferson County during this time period.*

