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OPEN BURNING NOTICE

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) would like to remind the general public that open burning activities are illegal under the American Samoa Administrative Code (ASAC) Title 24 Chapter 5 Section 12 (ASAC 24.0512).

As families, villages and our community begin to clean-up trash, debris and fallen trees in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Gita, AS-EPA advises the public to refrain from burning these items. Smoke and fumes from open burning activities may cause health issues for the general public, especially for the most vulnerable members of the community such as the elderly, infants/children and those with respiratory illnesses. Such activities are a health nuisance and illegal, so please do the right thing and consider your health and that of your neighbors.

Please place household trashes (plastics, cans, bottles, Styrofoam, papers, carpet, rubber materials, etc.) in bins and trash cans for proper disposal. Tree leaves should be accumulated in a remote area on your property for composting which can later generate fertile soil for planting. Tree branches can be used as fire wood for outdoor cooking purposes.

Please report open burning activities to the EOC 699-3800 or AS-EPA 633-2304, 733-6149.

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