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Burning treated poles a health risk

The Kearney Volunteer Fire Department warned today that burning treated lumber in fireplaces or wood-burning stoves is a health and safety hazard.

Following reports that some Kearney residents are burning downed utility poles and cross arms, KVFD issued a reminder that burning treated wood gives off toxic vapors and smoke. In addition, fireplace and wood stove dealers recommend not burning treated lumber because of dangerous buildups of creosote in chimneys.

According to a KVFD news release, burning treated lumber violates air quality regulations of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

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