# High-Heat Legislative Template

# **Purpose and Use of this Template**

This template is intended to help you create a Trash Burning Law that works best for your community. This can be introduced at a local, county, or state level. Your bill will help protect communities from the toxic and climate-damaging facilities that burn trash.

To create your bill:

1. Keep this downloaded template open on your computer.
2. While you have the template open, go through the toolkit. It is linked here:

[Just Zero’s High-Heat Legislative Toolkit](https://just-zero.org/high-heat-legislative-toolkit/)

1. Read through the toolkit to learn more about each section of the bill and the different policy approaches you can select for your bill.
2. Decide which policy approaches meet your goals and objectives.
3. Copy the toolkit’s sample language for your selections and paste it into the right place in this template.
4. Read through your bill and correct any formatting. This includes text color and making sure the number and letter lists are all in numerical or alphabetical order.
5. When you’re finished, you’ll have a custom-made bill that you can take to your elected representatives to try and turn into a law.

# **Template Key**

 Black Text: This text is language that is used in every Trash Burning Law and **should not be removed** unless it is an optional section that you are choosing not to include in your bill.

Blue Text: This text provides you with guidance on how to use this template. **This text should be deleted.**

Red Text: This text provides guidance on where you should copy the suggested language from Just Zero’s Trash Burning Legislation Toolkit and paste it into this template to create your model bill. **This text should be deleted after you finish each section.**

# **Trash Burning Facilities Law**

## Section 1: Definitions

To develop this section:

1. Read Section 1 of Just Zero’s Trash Burning Legislative Toolkit;
2. Copy the sample language and paste it below; and
3. Adjust the definitions as needed to fit your state.

## Section 2: Restrictions on New High-Heat Facilities

If you want to include this section:

1. Read Section 2 of Just Zero’s Trash Burning Legislative Toolkit;
2. Review the options in Section 2;
3. Select the option that you want to include in your bill; and
4. Copy the sample language for that option and paste it below.

## Section 3: Classify High-Heat Facilities as “Solid Waste Facilities”

If you want to include this section:

1. Read Section 3 of Just Zero’s Trash Burning Legislative Toolkit;
2. Copy the sample language and paste it below; and
3. Adjust the sample language to reflect your state’s approach to “solid waste facilities.”

## Section 4: Prohibit Subsidies for High-Heat Facilities

If you want to include this section:

1. Read Section 4 of Just Zero’s Trash Burning Legislative Toolkit;
2. Copy the sample language and paste it below; and
3. Adjust the sample language to fit the existing approach to renewable energy subsidies in your state.

## Section 5: Exclude High-Heat Waste Technologies from the Definition of “Recycling”

If you want to include this section:

1. Read Section 5 of Just Zero’s Trash Burning Legislative Toolkit;
2. Copy the sample language and paste it below; and
3. Adjust the sample language to fit the existing statutory structure in your state.