

Emergency Burning Restrictions

Quick Reference Guide

Burn Permits

- All DNR burn permits are suspended within the designated restriction area
- Debris piles, burn barrels, prescribed or broadcast burns are prohibited

Recommendations: Consider alternatives to burning such as chipping, composting, or hauling yard waste to an approved disposal site or landfill. If burning is the only option, wait until the ground is completely snow-covered.

Campfires

- All campfires, except for those in developed camping areas, are prohibited
- Campfires conducted within a metal fire ring in developed camping areas, such as commercial campgrounds, are allowed but not recommended
- Campfires in developed camping areas on state park or forest land are at the discretion of that park or forest

Recommendations: Avoid using campfires right now. Consider packing a cold meal and extra warm clothes instead. Contact the state park, forest or developed campground to find out what restrictions are in effect.

Smoking

- Smoking a pipe, cigar, or cigarette in the outdoors is prohibited
- Throwing cigarettes, matches, ashes, or any burning material from a vehicle is prohibited

Recommendations: Keep smoking materials indoors or inside a vehicle and dispose all burning materials in a non-combustible receptacle or ashtray.

Grills

- Charcoal or propane grills may be used in the immediate vicinity of a residence if placed on a non-combustible surface only (e.g. concrete or gravel) with significant clearance and attended at all times
- Disposing of charcoal briquettes in the outdoors is prohibited

Recommendations: Avoid using charcoal or propane grills right now. If using a charcoal grill on a non-combustible surface, remember to dispose of charcoal briquettes in a non-combustible container with a lid.

Fireworks

- All fireworks are prohibited
- Some examples include bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, snaps, snakes, sparklers and more...

Recommendation: Avoid using fireworks until the restrictions are no longer in effect.

Equipment

- Be extra cautious with off-road vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, farm and logging equipment in woody or grassy areas
- Make sure you have a certified, working spark arrestor
- Hot exhaust systems and sparks from all-terrain vehicles and automobiles can cause a fire

Recommendations: Avoid operating vehicles on dry grass, leaves, or woody debris. Stay on gravel or dirt paths and roads.

Make sure to have proper spark arrestors and check for fuel leaks. Carry a fire extinguisher at all times. Always check for trail restrictions and closures before riding.

Wood Heat

- Be extra cautious with outdoor wood-boilers, woodstoves and fireplaces
- Disposing of hot ashes in the outdoors is prohibited

Recommendations: If possible, avoid using wood heat sources under these restrictions. Make sure these devices are in good working condition and have proper spark arrestors on the chimney. Ensure the surrounding area is free from flammable vegetation and other combustibles. Remember to dispose of hot ashes in a non-combustible container with a lid.

Other Flames

- Burning of any combustible material in the outdoors is strictly prohibited
- Some other examples include camp stoves, welding, torching, grinding, tiki torches, candles (e.g. citronella), lanterns, portable heaters, dragging safety chains, sparks from firearm use...

Recommendations: Avoid all outdoor burning until the restrictions are no longer in effect. Avoid any means of introducing fire, flames, sparks or embers to grass, brush, or wildland vegetation.

For the most current fire situation, visit dnr.wi.gov keyword "fire"

Emergency Burning Restrictions only apply to designated DNR Protection areas that are outside incorporated cities and villages. Any individual who sets fire on any land at anytime, either accidentally or intentionally, and allows it to become a forest fire, shall be liable for all expenses incurred in the suppression of the fire. Any person, whose property is injured or destroyed by fires, may recover, in a civil action, the value of timber or any other damages suffered from person's causing such fires.

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