



PRESS RELEASE

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WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL EXTENDS BURN BAN FOR DURATION OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY

The Wicomico County Council has announced the extension of the burn ban initially established on October 16, 2024. This decision has been made to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents during the ongoing emergency drought situation.

The burn ban will remain in effect until weather conditions improve, at which time the County will release formal notification of the sunset of this provision. The Council emphasizes the importance of adhering to this ban to prevent potential hazards and ensure the safety of our community.

The County Council urges all residents to comply with the burn ban and avoid any open burning activities, including the use of personal home-based fireworks. This measure is critical to mitigate risks and safeguard our environment and resources during this time.

There are, however, a few exemptions to the burn ban, which are shown below:

- Gas and charcoal grill for their proper use;
- Campfires at Roaring Point and Sandy Hill campgrounds, which must be monitored at all times. All such campfires shall be confined to designated fire rings, grills, fire pits, fireplaces or other facilities constructed for fires. Before breaking camp, fires should be drowned and completely extinguished.
- Recreational campfires on private property and public campgrounds are permitted. The campfires are limited to a size of 2 feet in width and 3 feet in height;
- The staging of professional fireworks displays.

We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our residents as we work together to navigate through this emergency. The Council remains committed to taking all necessary actions to protect the health and safety of our community.

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