

Burn Ban Information  
Grand Forks County

Grand Forks County Burn Ban Declaration - A Fire Emergency and Burn Ban declaration can be put into effect by the County Commission based on information issued by the US Forest Service and input from Grand Forks Sheriff's Department and your rural fire depts. A burn ban does not allow for any burning within the county until the burn ban has been lifted. That means any agricultural or recreational burning, even bonfires or open-fire barbeques. A burn ban declaration is lifted when conditions are again favorable to burn safely.

City of Grand Forks Burn Ban Declaration – The city may issue a burn ban which affects only the area within the city limits. For more information please contact the Grand Forks City Fire Dept at 701-746-2566.

ND Governor's Burn Ban Declaration – During severe, extended dry conditions or drought, the Governor may issue a burn ban. A local burn ban can be more restrictive than the Governor's but not less restrictive. For example, if a city/county has a burn ban in effect that states, no burning regardless until further notice, that is more restrictive, then local residents must follow the local burn ban declaration until the burn ban has been lifted.

Burning may be allowed in designated areas with a "Low" or "Moderate" Fire Danger Rating if approved by the local fire response authority that has jurisdiction over the area.

Anyone who violates a burn ban faces a class B misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail, and a \$1,500 fine.

The Fire Danger Rating Map is located on ND Department of Emergency Services homepage <http://www.nd.gov/des/> (Ctrl click to follow link.)

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