

## GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

Restrict burning to early morning and late evening hours when winds typically are lower and humidity is higher.

Restrict smoking to areas free of combustible materials. Use ashtrays and proper disposal containers.

Clear area around fire.

Pay attention to fire hazards posed by exhaust systems, catalytic converters and safety chains.

Carry fire extinguishers and fire tools.

Extinguish and discard smoking materials appropriately — NOT FROM A VEHICLE.

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**Farming:** Conduct frequent inspections of machinery to reduce debris accumulation. Grease and maintain equipment to reduce hot spots. Consider working fields in the morning and evening when winds are down and humidity is up.

**Petroleum Industry:** Confine blasting for seismic exploration by 10 feet or more of soil. Inspect and maintain equipment. Ensure flaring pads are free from debris that may start on fire and blow off the pad.

**Welding:** Use spark arresters as recommended and keep a 10-foot radius surrounding a welding site cleared of combustible material.

**Railroads:** Conduct weekly inspection of exhaust arrester systems and brakes.

## BURN RESTRICTIONS

(NDCC 37-171-10.1)

First offense of a burn restriction is a Class B misdemeanor: Up to 30 days in jail and a \$1,500 fine.

Local governments may have adopted fire code or permanent ordinances that are more stringent.

Consult with local fire departments or officials for guidelines before engaging in activities.

**Call 911 if fire develops or becomes uncontrolled**

## OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

(NDCC 33.1-15-04)

“Burning is prohibited if the fire index is in the extreme category as issued by the National Weather Service or if a burning restriction is declared by state or local officials. The authority to conduct open burning under this section does not exempt or excuse a person from the consequences, damages, or injuries that may result therefrom.”

Burning activities must be attended and supervised at all times burning is in progress.



## NORTH DAKOTA FIRE DANGER GUIDE

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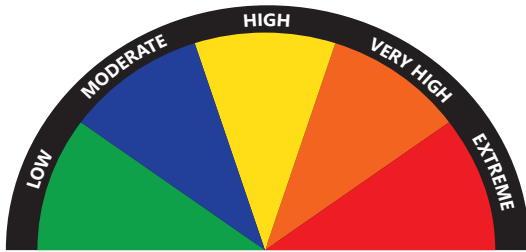
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# FIRE DANGER GUIDELINES

If there are no local or state burn restrictions in place, the following guidelines are highly advised.  
 If there are restrictions in place, you must follow what is outlined in the proclamation.  
 Information regarding current proclamations and burn restrictions can be found at [ndresponse.gov](https://www.ndresponse.gov).



	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	VERY HIGH	EXTREME	RED FLAG WARNING
<b>OPEN BURNING</b> Controlled Burns (grass, trees, garbage pits, wood piles, etc.) Cropland/Agriculture Burning						
<b>RECREATIONAL FIRE</b> Campfire or Bonfire						
<b>FIREWORKS</b> Aerial or Ground (includes firecrackers, rockets, smoke bombs and sparklers)						
<b>DEVICE-CONTROLLED</b> Camp Stoves, Fireplaces, Chimineas, Patio (gas) Grills/Smokers (charcoal, gas, pellet, wood) <i>Device that controls/confines fire to degree it is safe when not continuously monitored.</i>						
<b>OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED TRAVEL</b> Anything other than paved or gravel surface						

## GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

- During severe, extended conditions or drought, the Governor may issue a proclamation mandating these guidelines.
- Fines and penalties may be assessed for failing to comply.
- Local governments may issue burn restrictions regardless of fire danger or Governor's proclamation and cannot be less than what is in the Governor's proclamation.

## LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Verify current fire rating and local restrictions **before** burning and participating in outdoor activities. Many areas have reporting notification requirements prior to burning. The fire danger rating is updated daily at [ndresponse.gov](https://www.ndresponse.gov).