



**FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS
DECLARATION
WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
February 06, 2024**



WHEREAS, Williams County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, Williams County, has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Williams County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Williams County, resources; and

WHEREAS, Williams County, wishes to regulate activities within Williams County, which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Williams County, Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the **(Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning)** has been issued for Williams County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31, 2024.

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below	
Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4)	
Very High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, garbage/pit, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Extreme	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, garbage/pit, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Red Flag Warning	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, garbage/pit, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).

**THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR
(NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE).**

This declaration is for all of Williams County. However, incorporated cities may have their own permanent burn restrictions based on local ordinances, so please check with the city that you live in before burning.

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Williston, North Dakota this 6th day of February 2024



Steve Kemp, Chair
Williams County Commission



Beth Innis, Auditor
Williams County Auditor