



MERCER
COUNTY

FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION & BURN BAN

Mercer County
April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Mercer County, North Dakota has the potential for dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS, Mercer County has sustained or has been threatened with rural fires in the past and Mercer County Department of Emergency Services has consulted with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fire could threaten health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could exceed available resources; and

WHEREAS, the potential to cause wear/ tear and unprecedented costs due to fire damage could exceed County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NOW, the Mercer County Board of Commissioners declares a **Burn Restriction and Fire Emergency** effective when the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the **LOW, MODERATE, HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME** rating and/or **RED FLAG WARNING** has been issued for Mercer County, North Dakota, and when effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31st, 2025.

No Burning When Activity Matches Below

Low	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agriculture land burning
Moderate	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agriculture land burning
High	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agriculture land burning Campfires, fireplaces and chimineas patio that burn organic material, fireworks (aerial and ground)
Very High	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agriculture land burning Campfires, fireplaces and chimineas patio that burn organic material, fireworks (aerial and ground) Unnecessary off-road motorized travel
Extreme	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agriculture land burning Campfires, fireplaces and chimineas patio that burn organic material, fireworks (aerial and ground) Unnecessary off-road motorized travel, grills and smokers that utilize charcoal, grills and smokers that utilize wood, smoking
Red Flag Warning	All aforementioned burning is PROHIBITED under a RED FLAG WARNING

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1) PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$1500.00 AND 30 DAYS IN JAIL. THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.

DATED at Stanton, North Dakota, this 2nd day of April 2025.


Gene Wolf, Chairman
Mercer County Commission

ATTEST: 
Carmen Reed
Mercer County Auditor