

Lawrence County

State Of Indiana

LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR A BURN BAN

Lawrence County, Indiana

September 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a natural disaster-specifically county-wide moderate drought condition and are at an elevated risk of fire danger.

WHEREAS, as of the **18th day of September at 1200 hours**, we find that Lawrence County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

WHEREAS, a County Wide Burn Ban is Declared, during which certain burning activities will be prohibited within the entire area of the County of Lawrence, including but not limited to the following:

1. Campfires and other recreational fires, unless enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter X 6 inches high or larger;
2. Open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane;
3. The burning of debris, such as timber for vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities and other open-air fires.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Lawrence County Commissioner at the request of the Lawrence County Fire Chiefs, declare, pursuant to the provisions of IC 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this declaration, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Lawrence County.

During an Emergency Burn Ban, all residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and Emergency Management forces in executing emergency plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

This Declaration will remain in effect for 7 days and may be renewed if conditions warrant.

LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS by it's President:

Wally Brankham

President, Lawrence County Commissioner Date

Attest: Lawrence County Auditor Date