



A RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO OUTDOOR BURNING RESTRICTIONS AND RESOURCES

When Open Burning Is Prohibited

The National Weather Service issues Fire Weather Forecasts and Red Flag Warnings which indicate that conditions are ideal for wildland fires and their rapid spread.

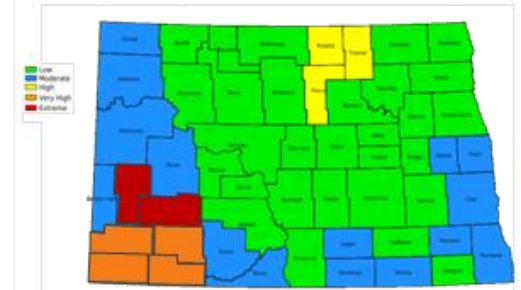
The Fire Danger Rating System is overseen by the US Forest Service and provides the relative seriousness of burning conditions based on measured variables to calculate the daily index.

Both systems have 5 ratings:

- Low
- Medium
- High
- Very High
- Extreme/Red Flag Warning



North Dakota Adjective Fire Danger



When Stutsman County is given a Very High or Extreme Rating, and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued, NO open burning is permitted within the county. This includes starting, conducting, allowing, maintaining, or soliciting any open burning activities.

The Difference Between Prohibited Open Burning And Permissible Open Fires

Open burning restrictions for outdoor activities have been enacted to reduce the risk of rural fires that may get out of control and cause a threat to life and property.

Stutsman County Officials also recognize there are some activities involving fire that are necessary.



Prohibited Open Burning

Fires cannot be lit with any combustible materials that aren't in a containment device that can control the air and fuel mixture along with the product being put directly into the air. Fires must be contained and vented to eliminate the possibility of sparks, embers, and hot ash from escaping.



Permissible Open Fires

The use of a blow torch, cutting torch, or welder is allowable along with the proper use of a covered charcoal or gas grille, and any cook stove fueled by propane, kerosene, or alcohol. A fire department may set fires purposely for the elimination of a fire hazard or training, if approved.

Recreational Fire Safety

Residents can burn year-round, excluding the times when Stutsman County is given a Very High or Extreme Rating, and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued. Always notify Stutsman County Communications Center and/or your local fire department when planning on an open burn.

- * Always have a working fire extinguisher available.
- * Fires must be attended until extinguished.
- * Fires should be no more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
- * Recreational fire is not safe when the wind speed exceeds 15 mph.
- * Keep open fires at least 25 feet from any structure or combustibles – The distance may be reduced to 15 feet if the fire is protected by a screen and lid.
- * Your fires should not create a public or private nuisance or hazard to others or interfere with the enjoyment of life or property.



Stutsman County Ordinance 2017-01

In an effort to reduce the risk of uncontrolled wild fires, the Stutsman County Commission adopted an ordinance that places prohibitions on open burning. Wild fires endanger the lives of people and wildlife.

These restrictions are in effect during any Red Flag Warning or while the Stutsman County Fire Danger Rating is Very High or Extreme. That is when the conditions for out of control burns will spread swiftly.

For a full version of Stutsman County Ordinance 2017-01, *Prohibitions on Open Burning During a Red Flag Warning or While the Stutsman County Fire Danger Rating is Very High or Extreme*, go to:

www.co.stutsman.nd.us, under Departments choose Zoning, then click on Burn Ban Ordinance on the right hand side of the page.

- * This ordinance is effective in all of Stutsman County including its incorporated cities that do not have their own open burning ordinances.

If You Burn During Restrictions

Violations of the Stutsman County Ordinance placing prohibitions on open burning during a Red Flag Warning or while the Fire Danger Rating is Very High or Extreme will be enforced.

This is a class B misdemeanor, for which a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail, a fine of \$1500.00, or both may be imposed.

- * Be sure to verify the current Fire Danger Rating and local burning restrictions BEFORE conducting any open burns or fires outdoors.

Resources

Stutsman County Fire Danger information may be obtained by calling the Stutsman County Communications Center at: (701) 252-1000.

The daily Fire Danger Rating map is posted on Stutsman County's web site at:

www.co.stutsman.nd.us/fire-danger

Other web sites to find Red Flag Warning and Fire Danger Rating information include:

- * ND Department of Emergency Services: www.nd.gov/des
- * Bismarck National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/bis
- * US Forest Service, Wildland Fire Assessment: www.wfas.net

Local Fire Departments

Always notify Stutsman County Communications Center and/or your local fire department when planning an open burn or if you have any questions about permissible use of burning.

Cleveland Fire Dept.	(701) 763-6230
Courtenay Fire Dept.	(701) 435-2520
Jamestown City Fire Dept.	(701) 252-1441
Jamestown Rural Fire Dept.	(701) 252-5741
Kensal Fire Dept.	(701) 435-2815
Medina Fire Dept.	(701) 486-3164
Pingree Fire Dept.	
Streeter Fire Dept.	(701) 424-3434
Woodworth Fire Dept.	(701) 752-4133
Carrington Fire Dept.	(701) 652-2113
Gackel Fire Dept.	
Marion Fire Dept.	(701) 669-2305
Pettibone Fire Dept.	(701) 273-4415
Wimbledon Fire Dept.	(701) 435-2349