

**NEWPORT, KY, September 16, 2024** — Due to the ongoing dry conditions and increased fire risk, Campbell County Judge/Executive Steve Penderly has issued an emergency declaration that prohibits "all outdoor burning" throughout the county. This ban will stay in effect until conditions improve.

"Ensuring the safety of our community is our highest concern," said Judge/Executive Penderly. "Given the current lack of rainfall, we must take these necessary steps to prevent any potential fire hazards."

William R. Turner, Director of the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management, explained the decision behind the ban: "After consulting with fire chiefs from across the county, we determined that the current conditions present a significant fire risk. This burn ban is a proactive measure to help protect our residents and property."

#### **What You Should Know During the Burn Ban:**

- **Avoid Outdoor Burning:** Do not burn any materials such as leaves, trash, or debris during this period.
- **Safe Disposal:** Consider alternative methods for disposing of yard waste, like composting or using a designated disposal site.
- **Use Equipment with Caution:** Be mindful when using outdoor equipment that can generate sparks, such as grills, lawnmowers, and chainsaws. Avoid using them on dry, windy days.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep up with updates and information about the burn ban through the County OEM Facebook page.
- **Report Concerns:** If you see any outdoor burning taking place, contact local authorities to report it.

Ignoring the burn ban can lead to fines and other consequences, especially if a fire causes damage to property. County officials ask residents to be vigilant and follow the ban to help keep the community safe during this period of increased fire risk.

For more updates and information on the burn ban, visit the [Campbell County Office of Emergency Management Facebook page](#).

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