

DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

BURN BAN

Daviess County, Indiana

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Whereas, Daviess County, Indiana is immediately threatened by a natural disaster- specifically county wide drought conditions, and;

Whereas, as of November 13, 2023, we find our county to be at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

Whereas, a county wide **Burn Ban** affecting certain activities is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought conditions;

Now, therefore, we, the Daviess County Board of Commissioners, 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 proclamation, 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 Daviess County.

We also declare that, effective immediately, the following activities are **prohibited** in Daviess County:

1. campfires and other recreational fires, **unless** enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter X 10 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. Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from the grills until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.;
3. the burning of debris, such as timber or vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities;
4. the use of burn barrels for any open burning at residential structures **unless** the use of a wire mesh screen top with ¼ inch or less openings.

Dawn to dusk only.

In addition, we strongly encourage our residents to limit their personal use of fireworks to those that do not leave the ground, and that they refrain from using aerial firework devices.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.

All public offices and employees of Daviess County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives whether state or local.

All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

This Burn Ban shall be in force immediately and will remain in force until further notice and rescinded by the Daviess County Commissioners.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 26th day of September 2023



Nathan Gabhart, Commissioner President




Michael Taylor, Commissioner Vice President



Ron Arnold, Commissioner

Attest:



Jennifer Welsh
Daviess County Auditor