



MERCER COUNTY

2024 FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATIONS  
MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
November 7, 2024

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost of emergency response and the inordinate equipment wear/tear may be beyond available County resources.

WHEREAS, Mercer County wishes to regulate activities within the County which post a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Mercer County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency Declaration for all of Mercer County to include all incorporated cities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mercer County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Automatic Burn Restriction effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger rating is Very High, Extreme and/or Red Flag Warning has been issued for Mercer County, North Dakota, effective immediately through December 31, 2024.

**What's Included (when the ND Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is Very High, Extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning)**

No Open Burning: includes burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage/pits, ignition of farm or crop residue/land, hay land, sloughs, construction debris, fallen trees, fireworks (ground & aerial) and campfires/bonfires/recreational fires.

**What's Excluded**

Controlled Devices only when device(s) (gas, charcoal, wood-fired/pellet grills, patio fireplaces and chimineas, gas camp stoves, and smokers/pellet grills) is/are on a hard, non-organic surface and 15 feet away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water is available on site.

**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.**

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Stanton, North Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

*Gene Wolf*

Gene Wolf, Chairman  
Mercer County Commission

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Attest: *Carmen Reed*

Carmen Reed  
Mercer County Auditor