

FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION
For
Sheridan County, North Dakota
April 2, 2024

WHEREAS, Sheridan County North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

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

WHEREAS, Sheridan County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Sheridan County resources; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the *Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning* has been issued for Sheridan County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through *12-31-2024*.

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below	
<i>Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4)</i>	
Low	
Moderate	
High	
Very High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture burning, and garbage/pit.
Extreme	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture burning, and garbage/pit.
Red Flag Warning	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture burning, and garbage/pit.

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE).

This declaration is for all of Sheridan County. However, incorporated cities may have their own permanent burn restriction based on local ordinances, so please check with the city that you live in before burning.

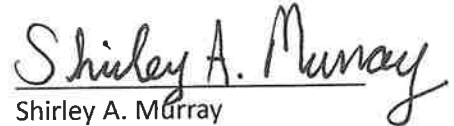
Anyone doing a controlled burn must call ND State Radio at 701-328-9921 and notify them of the burn.

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

DATED at Sheridan County, North Dakota this 2nd day of April, 2024



Shannon Dieterle, Chair
Sheridan County Commission



Shirley A. Murray
Sheridan County Auditor