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Dubuque County Placed Under Burning Ban

Upon request of the Dubuque County Fire Chiefs, the office of the State Fire Marshal has prohibited open burning in Dubuque County pursuant to Iowa Code 100.40(1).

The ban requires that no person shall engage in open burning in Dubuque County until the ban is lifted by the Dubuque County Fire Chiefs. The ban will go into effect on Thursday, July 5th, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until a sufficient amount of precipitation is received and/or the threat of wild land fires has been eliminated.

Exceptions to the burn ban are the use of outdoor fireplaces, barbeque grills, or the burning of trash in incinerators or trash burners made of metal, concrete, or masonry, with no openings greater than one square inch. This also means that the burn barrels need to have a cover over them with no openings greater than one square inch.

Violators will be charged with a simple misdemeanor which carries a fine of up to \$325 and/or 30 days in jail. The violation requires a court appearance as it is not a scheduled fine according to deputies of the Dubuque County Sheriff's Department.

For further information, please contact the Emergency Management Agency at 563-543-4170 or your local fire chief.