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Open Burning Ban to Remain in Effect for Dubuque County

Dubuque County remains under the burn ban that states that no person shall engage in open burning in Dubuque County until the ban is lifted by the Dubuque County Fire Chiefs. The threat to life and property is still present as the county did not receive enough rain over the past week to eliminate the threat of fire.

The fire chiefs will meet when the threat of fire to life and property due to dry conditions has been eliminated. Fire chiefs and local officials continue to monitor rainfall amounts and forecasts and will lift the ban as soon as possible.

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.

A 2002 Dubuque County Ordinance is always in effect that states that no person, firm, or corporation shall kindle any building or other structure, farm land, pasture including CRP acres or other rural ground or woodland without first notifying the Dubuque County Emergency Communications Center on the non emergency number of 563-583-1711. The exceptions to the burn notification ordinance are the same as listed above.

For further information, please contact the Emergency Management Agency or your local fire chief.