



Mitchell County

Office of the Fire Marshal

Effective today, November 8th, 2023, at 5:00p.m. the Mitchell County Fire Marshal's Office hereby puts into effect an immediate ban on all outdoor open burning. This ban includes any open burning being conducted within 100ft of any structure in Mitchell county. This also includes structures located inside the municipalities of the Town of Spruce Pine, and the Town of Bakersville.

Open burning includes but is not limited to brush piles, debris piles, bonfires, recreational fires, outdoor fire places as well as portable outdoor fireplaces.

North Carolina Fire Code section 307 states that open burning "*shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires dangerous.*". The North Carolina Fire Code also dictates in chapter 307 that "*The Fire Code Official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.*"

Keeping the citizens of Mitchell County safe is the main focus of the Mitchell County Fire Marshal's Office. Moderate drought conditions as well as the lack of any substantial rainfall in the foreseeable future make outdoor open burning an extreme hazard for all of our communities.

This burn ban will remain in effect for all of Mitchell County until redacted by the Mitchell County Fire Marshal.

Andrew G. Brewer
Mitchell County Fire Marshal