OLIVER COUNTY

FIRE EMERGENCY DECARATION & BURN BAN
Oliver County
November 10, 2026

WHEREAS, the Oliver County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Oliver County, North Dakota, has the potential for dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS, Oliver County has sustained or has been threatened with rural fires in the past, and the Oliver County Department of Emergency Services has consulted with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fire could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Oliver County; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could exceed available resources; and

WHEREAS, the potential to cause wear/ tear and unprecedented costs due to fire damage could exceed County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NOW, the Oliver County Board of Commissioners declares a **Burn Restriction and Fire Emergency** effective when the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the **LOW, MODERATE, HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME rating and/or a RED FLAG WARNING** has been issued for Oliver County, North Dakota, to include all incorporated cities, and effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31st, 2026.

No Burning When Activity Matches Below

Low	Contact the local jurisdiction for large burns.
Moderate	Contact the local jurisdiction for large burns.
High	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agricultural land burning Campfires, fireplaces, and chimineas patio that burn organic material, fireworks (aerial and ground)
Very High	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agricultural land burning Campfires, fireplaces, and chimineas patio that burn organic material, fireworks (aerial and ground), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel
Extreme	Controlled burns of garbage pits of any size, Crop and agricultural land burning Campfires, fireplaces, and chimineas that burn organic material, fireworks (aerial and ground). Unnecessary off-road motorized travel, grills and smokers that utilize charcoal, grills and smokers that utilize wood, smoking
Red Flag Warning	**All aforementioned burning is PROHIBITED under a RED FLAG WARNING**

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 OLIVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.

DATED at Center, North Dakota, this 10th day of November 2026.

Robert Schmidt, Chairman
Oliver County Commission

ATTEST: Linda Nelson
~~Jaden Schmidt~~ Linda Nelson
Oliver County Auditor - Deputy