



Sargent County

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FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION For SARGENT COUNTY, North Dakota *February 17th, 2026*

WHEREAS, Sargent 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, Sargent 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 Sargent County; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Sargent County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the **(High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning)** has been issued for Sargent County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31st, 2026.

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	

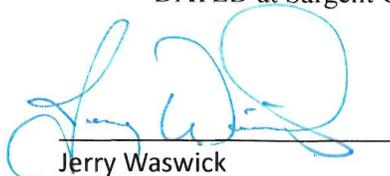
Moderate	
High	Campfires, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, garbage/pit, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Very High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, garbage/pit, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Extreme	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Red Flag Warning	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).

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).

All Controlled Burns at a rating of high or higher must be called in for permission to the Fire Chief or Sargent County Sheriff's office.

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

DATED at Sargent County, North Dakota this 17th day of *February*, 2026



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Chairman, Sargent County Commission



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