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Akwesasne Burn Ban Remains in Effect

AKWESASNE — Due to expected dry weather, sunshine, and low humidity levels there is an elevated risk of uncontrolled wildfires. As a result, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, and the Hogsburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) are reminding individuals that a burn ban remains in effect for the entire Akwesasne community during the State of Emergency. Additionally, a statewide burn ban is in effect for New York State from March 16th to May 14th.

Please refrain from starting brush fires; fires in a burning barrel; or bonfires that contain leaves, grass, other items that can cause a large, open fire. An open fire could potentially start an uncontrolled wildfire, which can destroy personal property, place an individual's safety at risk, and require an emergency response from the HAVFD during the ongoing global pandemic.

It is acceptable for individuals to make small campfires in contained fire pits, such as a metal or stone fire pit you can purchase at a store, which often includes a cover to help contain or extinguish the fire. We ask that you please be cautious handling these devices and potential ignition sources, including the proper disposal of cigarettes.

Please be respectful of this burn ban and recognize that it is intended to keep our community safe. The burn ban will be enforced and violators may be subject to fines.

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