



## JOINT NOTICE

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### **Akwesasne Burn Ban in Effect**

**AKWESASNE** – (Seskéha/August 11, 2025) Due to the extremely dry weather conditions and low humidity levels there is an elevated risk of uncontrolled wildfires in Akwesasne and surrounding areas. As a result, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, and the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) are notifying the community that a burn ban is active effective immediately for all of Akwesasne, the North and South portions, respectively.

During this time, 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, limiting their capacity to respond to other emergency calls.

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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*Visit the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe at [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov) and the  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne at [www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca).*