



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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EMERGENCY DECLARATION NORTH WALES BOROUGH Ban on Open Burning October 29, 2024 until further notice

Given the historic current drought, lack of rainfall and high winds, North Wales Borough's public safety officials are declaring a ban on all open burning until further notice. This declaration is made after consultation with the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company and the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator.

While North Wales Borough ordinance already bans several types of open burning, this declaration now covers all forms of burning, including firepits, chimeneas, and outdoor cooking methods that may create excessive sparks or flames.

The Borough's open burn ban currently bans the open burning of any combustible material outdoors in either a burn barrel (screened or unscreened) or on the ground. This includes the burning of garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, and vegetation from land which has been cleared. This declaration, as noted under the "Hazardous Conditions" portion of the ordinance, extends to all forms of open burning, including fire pits and chimineas.

This is especially important with Halloween coming up and many families traditionally have firepits as part of their "welcome" for trick or treaters. We ask that residents do not use firepits until further notice. We also ask that residents who smoke be especially careful in discarding used cigarettes and other smoking items.

All Borough emergency response leaders have been informed of the open burn ban. Borough Police officers are directed to enforce this ban until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Neil McDevitt

Mayor Neil McDevitt