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### Pottawattamie County Burn Ban Lifted

[Council Bluffs] The open burn ban that has been in place for Pottawattamie County has been lifted effective today, Thursday, April 20th, 2023. Recent rounds of precipitation combined with warm soil moistures will promote a quicker greening of dry fuels. Additionally, as planting season is underway many fields are being worked which also contributes to the elimination of fire fuels in our cropland areas.

Although the ban has been lifted, citizens are urged to continue minimizing their open burning activities and always use caution when conducting an open or controlled burn. Always have an emergency plan when burning; clear combustible materials from the area of the fire, ensure you have an accessible water source near the fire area, and always contact the Pottawattamie County 9-1-1 on their non-emergency number (712-328-5737) to report the location of your burn before ignition and after the fire is out.

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