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Burn Ban Implemented for Pottawattamie County

[**COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA**] – An open burning ban will be in effect immediately for all areas and jurisdictions in Pottawattamie County. The ban prohibits all open and controlled burning in Pottawattamie County, including all incorporated city limits within the county.

Environmental conditions over the past week have led to several controlled burns of trash, vegetation, and other materials becoming quickly out of control. Sometimes this includes fires that have burned out but rekindled a few days later.

Under the projected weather and environmental outlooks this action has become necessary to help mitigate the potential for rapid and uncontrolled fire spread that threatens safety and property.

The public is reminded to not throw out cigarettes from moving vehicles and to discontinue burning yard waste, piled tree debris, grass/agricultural ground and set asides, or other items during the ban. The ban is anticipated to remain in effect until after planting season or if the county receives substantial increases in precipitation alleviating the increased fire danger risk.

Violation of a burn ban can subject a person to criminal penalties as well as civil liabilities for any damages, losses, or injuries resulting from the fire.

Visit the Emergency Management website at <https://pcema-ia.org> for more information on burn bans and the law. All residents are also encouraged to sign up for Alert Iowa at the website to receive alerts for fire danger, evacuation notices, severe weather threats, and community emergency notifications.

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