

PUBLIC NOTICE

FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN AUGUST 13TH, 2026

WHEREAS, the Morton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that current and forecasted dry weather conditions, combined with dry vegetation, creates a combustible formula for unnecessary fire loss and presents a risk for the citizens and property in Morton County, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the board wishes to regulate activities within Morton County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should these weather conditions continue; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mandan, Glen Ullin, Hebron and Flasher have city fire emergency and burn ordinances in place through an adopted fire code; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protection life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of Morton county's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morton County Board of Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban effective, immediately through December 31st, 2026.

What's included: no open burning: includes campfires, controlled fires (i.e. wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agricultural burning, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas, fireworks aerial, fireworks ground, garbage/pit burning, charcoal grills/smokers, wood fire grills/smokers, and outdoor welding/hot work.

What's Excluded: controlled devices: only when device(s) (gas grills, gas patio fireplaces and chimineas, gas camp stoves), is/are on a hard non-organic surface and 15' away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water source is readily available on site.

**THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN BAN IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR
(NDCC 37-17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND \$1,500 FINE).**

Dated at Mandan, North Dakota this 13th of August 2026.

*Nathan Boehm, Chairman
Morton County Commission*

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