



Brown County Sheriff's Office

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Brown County Sheriff's Office News Release

Case File Number: 26-3249

Type of Incident: Burning Restrictions

Date of Incident: 05-14-2026

Time of Incident: 8:00 AM

Location of Incident: Brown County, Minnesota

Names, Ages, Addresses of Person(s) involved:

Details of Incident: Effective THURSDAY, May 14th, 2026 at 8:00 AM until SATURDAY, May 16th at 6:00 PM, the Brown County Sheriff's Office has issued a BURNING BAN for all of Brown County.

The National Weather Service has issued a "Red Flag Warning" in effect for central and southern Minnesota which includes Brown County, Minnesota. Strong winds, low humidity and dry conditions will lead to critical fire danger today.

The BURNING BAN for Brown County will remain in effect until further notice.

- **NO OPEN BURNING OF CRP LAND AND/OR DITCHES OR BRUSH PILES IS PERMITTED**

Recreational campfires are permitted. Recreational campfires must be contained in a ring of either rock, cement, brick, or metal, must not be closer than 25 feet to any structure and be attended to. Charcoal grills, wood smokers, and propane or natural gas devices are not considered open burning.

Just as a reminder, Brown County does not require residents to obtain a permit for open burning, but you MUST notify the Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 507-233-6700 prior to open burning to ensure that there is no "burning ban" or "burning restrictions" in place. The caller must provide the items to be burned, the location of the open burn, a contact name and cell

phone number to Dispatch. The person starting the open burn shall attend to the fire at all times and have fire suppression equipment available.