

FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTION DECLARATION
For
Cass County, North Dakota
April 6, 2026

WHEREAS, Cass County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

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

WHEREAS, Cass County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Cass County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available county resources; and

WHEREAS, the county wishes to regulate activities within Cass County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cass County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is **High, Very High, or Extreme Rating**, and/or a **Red Flag Warning** has been issued for Cass County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through November 30, 2026.

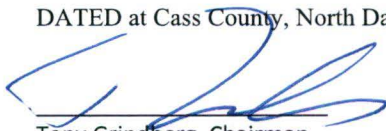
- What's Included
No Open Burning: Includes campfires, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agricultural burning, fireworks (aerial and ground), garbage/pit burning

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Controlled Devices: Only when device (gas grills, gas patio fireplaces and chimineas, gas camp stoves, gas, charcoal, or wood-fired grills, patio fireplaces and chimineas, gas camp stoves, and smokers) is on a hard, non-organic surface and 15' away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water is available on site.

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND \$1,500.00 FINE).

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov/burn>

DATED at Cass County, North Dakota on this 6th day of April 2026.


Tony Grindberg, Chairman
Cass County Commission


Robert Wilson
Cass County Administrator