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## **TAZEWELL COUNTY IMPLEMENTS OPEN BURNING BAN AMIDST GROWING WILDFIRE CONCERNS**

***Ban in effect until July 25, 2024***

*Tazewell, VA* – Tazewell County Administrator and Emergency Management Director Eric Young has instituted an immediate ban on all open burning activities within the county. The primary objective of this measure is to heighten safety measures and address the increased risk of wildfires, aggravated by recent dry weather conditions affecting localities across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The ban encompasses all outdoor burning activities, excluding cooking conducted within contained gas or charcoal grills. This proactive approach aims to prevent the spread of wildfires, safeguarding both residents and the region's natural environment.

Tazewell County's burn ban will remain in effect until July 25, 2024, subject to reassessment by the Board. Violating the burn ban is considered a class-one misdemeanor.

Individuals seeking clarification or with questions are encouraged to reach out to the Tazewell County Department of Emergency Management at the non-emergency number: (276) 322-7393. To report violations of the Burn Ban, contact the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office at (276) 988-0645. For immediate concerns about active, uncontrolled fires dial 911.

Tazewell County remains committed to public safety and urges residents to exercise caution during this heightened period of wildfire risk.

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