



## CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

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### **Outdoor Burning Ban**

**Effective immediately and until further notice.**

**Open burning and all outside fires in the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District are not permitted.**

Due to the continued elevation of extreme fire weather risk to residents, firefighters, property and open space, all residents are encouraged to refrain from outdoor activities that involve open flames, sparks, embers or other heat sources. Extreme fire weather risk includes prolonged periods without rain, low humidity, and wind conditions which create favorable conditions for the spread of wildfires.

This ban shall include open burning, the use of outdoor fire pits, chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, outdoor cooking fires, agricultural fires, and all other outdoor heat sources that are not specifically covered under 310 CMR 7.07, the Open Burning Regulation.

### **Important reminders for residents:**

- Open burning is prohibited statewide until January 15, 2025.
- Use caution with lawnmowers, leaf blowers and other landscaping equipment with small engines including all-terrain vehicles and other power equipment. Do not place this equipment on or near dry leaves or grass.
- Ashes from wood stoves and fireplaces should be placed in metal cans, submerged in water to fully extinguish and covered with a tight metal lid. These ashes can remain hot enough to ignite combustible materials long after the fire goes out.  
**Never dispose of them on the ground or in the trash.**
- Smoking materials should be disposed of in a sturdy ashtray with water or sand. Never toss cigarette butts, matches, or any smoking materials over the edge of a balcony, stub them out on stairs or railings, or toss them in dry vegetation or debris, especially from a vehicle.

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