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Burn Band And Woods Restrictions

Lifted In Annapolis County

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USPA NEWS - Annapolis County lifts the ban on open fires, restrictions on travel, and activity in the woods effective 2 p.m. today, October 15th, as conditions improve.

Daily burn restrictions will continue provincewide until October 31st, when the extended wildfire season ends, and violators will face a $25,000 fine.

Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources explained,
“Although it’s still very dry across the province, we’re getting some rain and cooler temperatures that are reducing wildfire risk. That allows us to lift the outright bans and give residents of Annapolis County a break. I ask all Nova Scotians to stay vigilant and continue following the daily restrictions to help protect our people and our communities.”

The daily burn restrictions are applicable to open wood-fueled fires, including but not limited to campfires, bonfires, brush fires, and fires in chimeneas. Notably, these restrictions do not pertain to gas or charcoal fires, as open wood fires are uniquely susceptible to sparking wildfires.

The restrictions do not pertain to non-wood-burning equipment such as charcoal and gas barbeques and gas stoves, which can be utilized in compliance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Key Information: The Province's Burn Safe map informs individuals of the locations and times where burning is permissible.

The map's red color, visible from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., indicates a burning ban during these hours; at 2 p.m., the daily restrictions will be posted, detailing the activities permitted and prohibited for the rest of the day.

OCTOBER 15: Burning is authorized after 7:00 PM in all counties, excluding Annapolis, Kings, and Guysborough. Burning restrictions are reassessed and updated daily by 2:00 PM. It is essential to comply with municipal bylaws.

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