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**BURN BAN IN EFFECT FOR MILLS COUNTY
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.**

On September 25, 2020, the Office of the State Fire Marshall issued a proclamation banning open burning in Mills County, Iowa beginning at 4:00 p.m. on September 28, 2020. This proclamation was issued after receiving reports from all fire districts within Mills County. Conditions within Mills County are such that open burning presents a danger to life or property. The burn ban will be in place until such time that the conditions dangerous to life or property no longer exists.

Residents wishing to conduct a prescribed burn must obtain written approval from their fire chief prior to conducting a burn. If the fire chief gives approval for a prescribed burn, residents must then contact the Mills County Communications Center at the start and completion of the burn. The Mills County Communication Center may be reached by calling (712) 527-4871. Residents failing to obtain the proper authorization may be subject to a criminal charge under Iowa Code §100.40(2).

This does not include the use of outdoor fireplaces, barbecue grills, properly supervised landfills or the burning of trash in incinerators or trash burners made of metal, concrete, masonry, or heavy one-inch wire mesh, with no openings greater than one square inch.

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