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## TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### Tippecanoe County Declares Emergency Ban on Open Fires Amid Prolonged Drought

**Tippecanoe County, Indiana – October 24, 2024** – In response to a prolonged period of drought and heightened fire risk, Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners has declared a local emergency and instituted an immediate ban on open fires. This declaration is effective as of October 24, 2024, and aims to ensure the safety and welfare of all residents in the area.

For more information please visit: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/burnban/>

#### Key Points of the Declaration:

- **Open Burning Prohibited:** All open burning is banned, including campfires and recreational fires, unless contained within a fire ring of specified dimensions (23 inches in diameter x 10 inches high or larger).
- **Restrictions on Grills:** The use of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane is permitted; however, charcoal must remain in the grill until fully extinguished.
- **Debris Burning Prohibited:** The burning of debris, including timber and vegetation from construction activities, is strictly forbidden.

This declaration will remain in effect for seven days and may be renewed as necessary, pending the ongoing assessment of hazards in the region. The Board of Commissioners will review and ratify any extensions of these prohibitions. In addition, a copy of this declaration shall be filed in the offices of the Tippecanoe County Clerk, Tippecanoe County Auditor, and the clerk of each incorporated municipality in the county as soon as possible.

Residents are urged to remain vigilant and report any signs of fire or unsafe conditions to local authorities. Together, we can protect our community and natural resources during this critical time.

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