

Resolution 2023-32
Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby find that circumstances present within Jackson County to create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in all of Jackson County and municipalities as follows:

- 1) Actions prohibited:
 - a) A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material in an outdoor area.
 - b) A person violates this order if he/she engages in any outdoor activity which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire.
- 2) Enforcement:
 - a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, Jackson County Fire Rescue Department or appropriate fire department shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
 - b) As soon as possible, Jackson County Sheriff's Office or Municipal Police Department shall respond to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire. The officer on scene will request immediate compliance with this order.
- 3) This order does not apply to the following outdoor burning activities:
 - a) Firefighter training.
 - b) Burn operations approved by the Florida Forest Service.


All outdoor burning of yard trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and cooking fires within said Jurisdictions is prohibited unless: 1) authorized by the Florida Forest Service; or 2) for the cooking of food exclusively within a contained gas or charcoal grill.


The setting of fires to any grass, brush or forest covered land, unless authorized by the Florida Forest Service, shall constitute a violation of the law.

Be it also ORDERED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather conditions by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning.

This order shall expire when conditions are again deemed safe, upon such date as determined by the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with the Jackson County Fire Rescue Department.

Adopted this 7th day of November 2023.


Hon. Paul Donofro, Jr., Chairman


Deputy/Clerk of Courts

