

Benton County Fire Marshal 735-3500

For the period _____ through _____ The **FIRE DANGER** forecast for Benton County residents is _____.

- For **BURNING RESTRICTIONS** see the below table, and remember **NO RESIDENTIAL BURNING IS PERMITTED** within the various city limits and their adjacent areas. For clarification, contact BENTON CLEAN AIR Office at 783-1304.
- Even if the below table states, “No Restrictions” you must call the Burn Line before starting to burn any pile. This is due to environmental conditions such as wind and inversions that will prohibit any burning.
 - Before conducting residential burning call 946-4489.
 - Before conducting agricultural burning call 946-0865.

Energy Release Values (ERC) Calculated for Fuel Model T & Fire Danger Adjective Class					
ERC Value	0 – 3	4 – 8	9 - 11	12-16	17+
Fire Danger Classification	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
<u>Burning Restrictions</u>	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Ag. Burn Only^{1,2}	Ag. Burn Only^{1,2}	No Burn¹

1. With the concurrence of the respective Fire District Fire Chief, emergency burning may take place for farming operations to remove diseased commodities, or to prepare land for farming operations. This requires a special burn permit issued by the County Fire Marshal. Call 735-3500
2. With the concurrence of four of the six Benton County Fire District Fire Chiefs, open burning may be permitted after September 1st.

Low - Fire starts are unlikely. Weather and fuel conditions will lead to slow fire spread, low intensity and relatively easy control with light mop-up. Controlled burns can usually be executed with reasonable safety.

Moderate - Some wildfires may be expected. Expect moderate flame length and rate of spread. Control is usually not difficult and light to moderate mop-up can be expected. Although controlled burning can be done without creating a hazard, routine caution should be taken.

High - Wildfires are likely. Fires in heavy, continuous fuel such as mature grassland, CRP fields and forest litter, will be difficult to control under windy conditions. Control through direct attack may be difficult but possible and mop-up will be required. **PUBLIC OUTDOOR BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED with the exception of a legal recreational fire within a metal fire ring.**

Very High - Fires start easily from all causes and may spread faster than suppression resources can travel. Flame lengths will be long with high intensity, making control very difficult. Both suppression and mop-up will require an extended and very thorough effort. **PUBLIC OUTDOOR BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED with the exception of a legal recreational fire within a metal fire ring.**

Extreme - Fires will start very easily and spread very rapidly. Every fire start has the potential to become large. Expect extreme, erratic fire behavior. **NO OUTDOOR BURNING IS**

PERMITTED DURING EXTREME FIRE DANGER with the exception of a legal recreational fire within a metal fire ring.