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## **Outside Fire Risk – Burke County**

**Morganton, NC** – The Burke County Fire Marshals Office urges residents to refrain from any outside burning until our region receives significant rainfall. Our entire region has not seen any significant rainfall for several weeks with none expected in the foreseeable forecast.

Burke County Fire Departments have responded to multiple outside fires over the past several days. Given these conditions, fire spreads rapidly with little time to react. These fires can easily race out of control in just minutes. Falling embers from the best contained fires can cause spot fires which also become out of control rapidly. These fires can put your home and your neighbors' homes and property at risk.

We realize it is the time of year to clean up the leaves and debris from our property; however, weather conditions are not favorable for outside burning. The Burke County Fire Marshalls Office respectfully requests your understanding and assistance in keeping Burke County safe.

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