



For Immediate Release
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MILLS COUNTY LIFTS OPEN BURNING BAN

Glenwood, Iowa - - Mills County Emergency Management has requested the State Fire Marshall lift the open burning ban that has been in place for all of Mills County, Iowa effective at 12pm on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

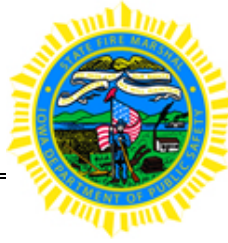
As the ban is being lifted the Mills County Emergency Management Agency strongly urges landowners that have a requirement to conduct controlled burns of a larger scale, to contact their local Fire Chief to discuss methods and weather considerations as an item of preparation prior to conducting burns. Of note, Mills County does have a Controlled Burn Ordinance (2008) for un-incorporated areas of the County that requires a property owner to contact the Mills County Communications Center at 712.527.4871 prior to conducting a prescribed burn.

For property owners that live within the City limits of the seven jurisdictions within Mills County, please become familiar with ordinances dealing with burning before you light fires of any type.

For additional information on local preparedness activities, go to www.millscountyiowa.gov.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Chapter 100.40, State Code of Iowa, and at the request of **TRAVIS HITCHCOCK**, representing each fire department having all or part of their fire districts within **MILLS COUNTY**, the open burning ban for **MILLS COUNTY** will be lifted effective **4/2/2026 12:00 PM**.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Wood".

Dan Wood
State Fire Marshal

cc: County Sheriff's Department
Dept. of Natural Resources
Emergency Management