

Adams County Controlled Burn Procedures

The Adams County Commission has issued the following procedures for landowners, contractors, equipment operators, and outdoor enthusiasts when engaged in open area controlled burning situations.

The following procedures are to ensure that open burning is coordinated with the proper authorities for maximum safety to both people and property.

1. **Please contact a local Fire Chief:**

- Hettinger Fire District Chief - Steve Turner.....(701)928-0012
- Reeder Fire District Chief - Bruce Hagen.....(701)928-0794
Asst. Chief Kevin Hagen.....(701)928-0081
Asst. Chief Todd Donner.....(701)928-0330
- East Adams Fire Dist. Chief - Ryan Kohn(701)426-4375
Asst. Chief Chad Baumgarten..(605)-222-9702
- Regent Fire District Chief - Terry Hartman.....(701)-264-9073
- Mott Fire District Chief - Jerry Schaible.....(701)-260-9841
- New Leipzig Fire Dist. Chief - Brad Stern.....(701)584-2055 or (701)-880-1741

- **If unable to contact one of the above authorities –
Call the Adams County Sheriff's office at (701)567-2530**

The information you will need to supply is:

- a. Your Name
 - b. Contact number where you can be reached
 - c. Location of where the burning is taking place
 - d. What is being burned
 - e. What time burning starts
 - f. Anticipated duration of burning
2. **Call before** a controlled burn is started so that emergency responders are not dispatched unnecessarily for reports of fire, when in fact it is a controlled burn.
3. **Call after** the burning is completed and the fire is out, to inform them of completion of the burn.
4. **Controlled burns need to be physically manned and monitored at all times.** Once the fire has been started, do not leave the site unattended until the fire is completely out.
5. **Be prepared if the fire gets out of hand! Call 9-1-1 immediately** and have resources available to mitigate the effects (e.g. tractor, digger, shovels, etc.).

You are urged to check the *North Dakota Fire Danger Rating* prior to any controlled burn.

The ***Adams County Declaration and Fire Restrictions, and the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating Map*** are both found at <http://www.nd.gov/des> or <http://weather.gov/bis/fire>

The ***South Dakota Grassland Fire Danger Map*** can be viewed at: <http://www.weather.gov/unr/rfd>

Residents are also urged to follow the precautions in the ***North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide*** which lists the outdoor activity guidelines for the five fire danger ratings - Low, Moderate, High, Very High, and Extreme.

The ***North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide*** can be viewed on the following website:
<http://www.nd.gov/des/uploads/resources/154/brochure-ruralfiredangerguide.pdf>