WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
• All DNR burning permits suspended and will no longer be issued (written or electronically)
• NO burning debris piles in barrels, on the ground, grass or wooded areas
• NO prescribed burning where DNR special permits are required
• Please note: small campfires for warming or cooking are ok but, discouraged
• Burning debris in a campfire ring is NOT considered a campfire
• If you fail to comply with the current fire restrictions or if your fire escapes, you may be cited by law enforcement

WHERE DOES THIS APPLY?
• Suspension of burning permits apply in DNR protection areas shown in orange and yellow in the map below.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?
• DNR must comply with state directives to reduce the spread of COVID-19
• Spring in Wisconsin has the highest wildfire risk (March – May); debris burning is the #1 cause
• Yard clean-up is a tradition in the spring, many choose to dispose of yard waste by burning, increasing wildfire risk
• Responding to a wildfire increases the risk of COVID-19 exposure through crowding of resources and geographic travel of emergency responders and firefighters
• Many DNR firefighters and fire departments are teleworking; this may reduce the availability to staff fire suppression equipment and hinder emergency response time and result in rapid fire growth
• Eliminating smoke on the landscape aids those with compromised respiratory functions

RECOMMENDATIONS:
• Avoid any activity that may result in a wildfire; wait until the restrictions are lifted
• Find alternatives to burning; contact local municipality for disposal options
• Use caution with campfires, hot exhaust systems or sparks from equipment, ash or briquette disposal
• Report wildfires early by dialing 911 immediately!

WHEN CAN I BURN AGAIN?
• Fire control officials will continue to evaluate state directives, resource availability and fire risk
• Additional Emergency Burning Restrictions may be implemented (all outdoor burning prohibited) if firefighting resources are stretched thin or fire weather conditions warrant
• Visit dnr.wi.gov, search “fire” or call 888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for any changes in current fire situation
• Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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