



TOWN OF ASHFORD

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
First Selectwoman

WHEREAS, the First Selectwoman, pursuant to her powers under C.G.S. 28-8a(a) has declared a public emergency arising from the threat of outdoor fires due to unusually dry conditions in the State of Connecticut and the Town of Ashford, and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple occurrences of open fires and open burning in the Town of Ashford, and

WHEREAS, there exists a condition of extreme peril to life and property,

NOW THEREFORE,

1. Notwithstanding any ordinance, rule or regulation to the contrary, no person shall have an open fire or conduct open burning on private property, nor shall any person have an open fire or conduct open burning on any municipal property.
2. Prohibited open fires and open burning shall include, but are not limited to:
 - Burning of leaves or brush
 - Use of fire pits, campfires, bonfires, chimineas or other similar devices
 - Charcoal/outdoor flame grilling (propane and natural gas grills are exempt)
 - Fireworks
 - Fireplace ashes should be properly disposed in approved containers
3. These prohibitions shall continue until the First Selectwoman has declared the public emergency to be over.
4. Any person violating this order may be subject to penalties as provided under Connecticut General Statutes 23-48 and 53a-114.

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2024.



Chief Executive Officer
Cathryn E. Silver-Smith