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## CITY OF MUSCATINE PRESS RELEASE

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### **COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN IN EFFECT FOR MUSCATINE COUNTY**

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The Muscatine County Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the local Fire Chiefs and the State Fire Marshals Office, has determined that open burning constitutes a danger to life or property in Muscatine County, Iowa.



Pursuant to Iowa Code 100.40(1) (1995), a Burn Ban is in effect as of 11 a.m., Friday, September 4, 2020, for all of Muscatine County. Violation of a prohibition issued under this section is a simple misdemeanor.

A general consensus from the Fire Chiefs of Muscatine County prompted Muscatine County Emergency Management Director Brian Wright to request the State Fire Marshals Office to prohibit open burning in Muscatine County.

The National Weather Service (NWS) indicates that Muscatine County is in a Moderate Drought (D1) indicating that fire risk is high with streams, reservoirs, or wells low, and some water shortages developing or imminent. The NWS has predictions for rain in the second half of the Labor Day Weekend.

The county wide ban will be lifted once the danger to life and/or property has changed.

You can find additional information and details by clicking on the links below:

- [State of Iowa Fire Marshal Burn Ban](#)
- [National Weather Service Drought Monitor Graphics](#)
- [Iowa Code 100.40 for Burn Ban](#)
- [Muscatine County Emergency Management Agency](#)

A Burn Ban also went into effect for all of Scott County at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2020.

[Open Burning Prohibited Proclamation](#)