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Fire Marshal ♦ Emergency Management ♦ Communications

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For Immediate Release

Local Burn Ban in Effect

Due to persistent hazardous fire conditions the North Carolina Forestry Service has issued a Burn Ban for our region including Watauga County. In addition to the State Burn Ban, the Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office has issued a concurrent ban for all open burning within 100' of a structure in accordance with the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code Section 307.1.1 which states "open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous." The ban will go in effect on November 8th, 2023 at 5:00 PM. The local ban shall run concurrently for the duration of the North Carolina Forestry Service Burning Ban.

As a reminder, during this time ALL opening burning permits are cancelled. Any fires needed for cooking or heating must be within containers or appliances designed for the purpose (i.e. a grill). Violation of this ban will result in a \$100 fine per offense. If you have any questions please contact our office at 828-264-4235.

Signed,

Shane Garland
Fire Marshal