

BURNING RESTRICTIONS VS. BURN BANS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

BURNING RESTRICTIONS

KENTUCKY WILDFIRE HAZARD SEASONS

February 15 - April 30 & October 1 - December 15

Burning restrictions limit how, when and where outdoor burning can take place. During Kentucky's spring and fall wildfire hazard seasons, it is illegal to burn between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except when the ground is covered with snow.

[KRS 149.400](#)

BURN BANS

In addition to or outside of wildfire hazard season restrictions, burn bans may be instituted.

Burn bans prohibit most or all outdoor burning, and are put in place to address immediate wildfire danger. They are issued at the local level through county judge/executives or as part of local ordinances. A state-wide burn ban may also be issued by the governor as conditions warrant. Burn bans are enforced with assistance from local law enforcement.

[KRS 149.401](#)

REMEMBER, ALL FIRES SHOULD BE ATTENDED UNTIL EXTINGUISHED

Check with your local fire department, county judge/executive's office, Divisions of Air Quality and Waste Management, and your local Kentucky Division of Forestry office before conducting outdoor burning.

[KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY FIELD OFFICES](#)

Campbellsville * Frankfort * Hazard * Madisonville * Morehead * Pineville

<https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry>

