

Annual Spring Burn Ban Starts March 16

March 16 marks the [first day of the annual spring burn ban](#), which continues through May 14 statewide. This statewide ban [temporarily outlaws burning](#) residential brush and yard debris. Warm spring temperatures and lack of snow cover create drier conditions and increased fire risk. The ban does not prohibit small campfires fueled by charcoal or untreated wood.

Remember, never leave a campfire unattended and completely extinguish it when done. Also, remember that [burning trash](#) and [leaves](#) is never allowed in NYS at any time of the year.

Since the start of the annual spring burn ban in 2009, spring wildfires have decreased by more than 40 percent. Be sure to check the [Fire Danger Map](#), which is posted on the DEC website and on the free [New York Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife App](#), to know the fire risk in your area.

