

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS

Declaration of State of Emergency

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Pine Plains, effective at 5pm on October 29, 2024.

The State of Emergency has been declared due to drought conditions, which has increased the risk of wildfires.

Such conditions threaten the public safety of the citizens of the Town of Pine Plains.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect until conditions improve and rescinded by the Town Supervisor.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Brian Walsh, exercised the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preservice public safety and render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the Town of Pine Plains to take whatever steps necessary to protect life, property, and public infrastructure.

DATED: October 29, 2024
 Pine Plains, NY Brian Walsh, Supervisor

cc: Madelin Dafoe, Town Clerk
 Dutchess County Clerk
 Warren Replansky, Attorney to the Town

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS EMERGENCY ORDER NO.2024-01

AN ORDER AND DECLARATION FOR A BURN BAN FOR ALL OF THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS UNDER LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The Town of Pine Plains Supervisor hereby finds that circumstances present within the Town of Pine Plains create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pine Plains Supervisor heretofore has declared a State of Emergency effective October 29, 2024 at 5:00pm., declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the Town of Pine Plains due to severe drought conditions and the threat of wildfires caused by outdoor burning, and its imminent threat to the health and welfare of the Town of Pine Plains citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order, in accordance with Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, authorizes political subdivisions to take whatever prudent action that is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law authorizes political subdivisions to take all necessary action and issue and necessary orders to protect human life.

NOW, THEREOFRE, IT IS ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in the Town of Pine Plains as follows:

1. ACTIONS prohibited:

- a. A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material in an outdoor area.
- b. A person violated this order if he/she engages in any outdoor activity which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire.

2. ENFORCEMENT:

- a. Upon notification of a suspected outdoor burning the local volunteer fire companies shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
- b. As soon as possible, law enforcement agencies shall respond to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire. The law enforcement officers shall request immediate compliance with this order.


3. THIS ORDER DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING OUTDOOR BURNING ACTIVITIES:

- a. Firefighter training.

All outdoor burning of yard waste, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and cooking fires within said jurisdictions is prohibited.

This order shall expire when the conditions are again deemed safe, upon such date as determined by the Town of Pine Plains Supervisor in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 29TH day of October 2024



Brian Walsh, Town Supervisor