

## Adams County Controlled Burn Procedures

The Adams County Commission has issued the following procedures for landowners, contractors, equipment operators, and outdoor enthusiasts when engaged in open area controlled burning situations.

Any Person(s) planning a controlled burn in Adams County **MUST** follow this procedure to ensure that open burning is coordinated with the proper authorities for maximum safety to both people and property.

### Contact a local Fire Chief:

- Hettinger Fire District Chief - Terry Lien..... (701)928-0177  
Asst. Chief- Chris Parnow..... (701)928-0875
- Reeder Fire District Chief - Kevin Hagen..... (701)928-0081  
Asst. Chief - Blake Honeyman..... (701)206-0272  
Asst. Chief - Colten Larson..... (701)928-0138
- East Adams Fire District Chief - Chad Baumgarten..... (605)222-9702  
Asst. Chief - Brent Dirk..... (605)415-6264
- Regent Fire District Chief - Scott Schenck..... (218)329-2124 (text or call)  
Asst. Chief - Tristan Florey..... (701)209-0535
- Mott Fire District Chief - Troy Mosbrucker..... (701)260-4750
- New Leipzig Fire Dist. Chief - Brad Stern..... (701)584-2055 or (701)-880-1741

If unable to contact one of the above authorities –  
Call the Adams County Sheriff's office at (701)567-2530

### The information you will need to supply is:

1. Name of the person(s) conducting the burn
2. Contact number where you can be reached
3. Location of where the burning is taking place
4. What is being burned
5. What time burning starts
6. Anticipated duration of burning

**Call before** a controlled burn is started so that emergency responders are aware of the burn and not dispatched unnecessarily for reports of fire.

**Call after** the burning is completed and the fire is out, to inform them of completion of the burn.

- **Controlled burns need to be physically manned and monitored at all times.** Once the fire has been started, do not leave the site unattended until the fire is completely out.
- **Be prepared if the fire gets out of hand! Call 9-1-1 immediately** and have resources available to mitigate the effects (e.g. tractor, digger, shovels, etc.).

**You are urged to check the *North Dakota Fire Danger Rating* prior to any controlled burn.**

The ***Adams County Declaration and Fire Restrictions, the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating Map and the North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide*** can be found at <https://www.ndresponse.gov/burn-ban-restrictions-fire-danger-maps>

The ***South Dakota Grassland Fire Danger Map*** can be viewed at: <https://www.weather.gov/unr/rfd>

Residents are also urged to follow the precautions in the ***North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide*** which lists the outdoor activity guidelines for the five fire danger ratings - Low, Moderate, High, Very High, and Extreme.