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EMERGENCY DECLARATION BAN ON

OPEN BURNING

November 4, 2024, until further notice

Given the historic current drought, lack of rainfall and high winds, Silver Spring Township Director of Public Safety is declaring a ban on all open burning until further notice.

While Silver Spring Township's ordinance already bans several types of open burning, this declaration now covers all forms of burning, including firepits, chimeneas, and outdoor cooking methods that may create excessive sparks or flames as well as the use of fireworks.

The Township's open burn ban currently bans the open burning of any combustible material outdoors in either a burn barrel (screened or unscreened) or on the ground. This includes the burning of garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, and vegetation from land which has been cleared.

We ask that residents do not use firepits until further notice. We also ask that residents who smoke be especially careful in discarding used cigarettes and other smoking items. All Silver Spring Township emergency response leaders have been informed of the open burn ban. Township Police officers are directed to enforce this ban until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

William Brown

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Director of Public Safety

Raymond Palmer

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Township Manager