

## **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Denning effective at 7:00 pm on November 10, 2024.

The State of Emergency has been declared due to drought conditions, which have imperiled the Town's water supply and has increased the risk of wildfires.


Such conditions threaten or imperil the public safety of the citizens of the Town of Denning.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect until 12:00 pm on December 10, 2024 (30-days).

As the Chief Executive of the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, I, David Brooks, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby 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 Denning to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance as deemed necessary.

DATED: November 10, 2024  
Sundown, NY

  
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DAVID BROOKS, Supervisor



## **TOWN OF DENNING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01-2024**

### **AN ORDER AND DECLARATION FOR A BURN BAN FOR ALL OF THE TOWN OF DENNING UNDER LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Denning Supervisor heretofore has declared a State of Emergency effective November 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm, declaring that State of Emergency exists throughout the Town of Denning due to severe drought conditions and the threat of wildfires caused by outdoor burning, and its imminent threat to health and welfare of Town of Denning 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 any necessary orders to protect human life; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is **ORDERED** that outdoor burning is prohibited in all of the Town of Denning 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 violates 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 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, the local 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.
- c. Fine possible. Not to exceed \$500.00.



**3. This Order does not apply to the following outdoor burning activities:**

- a. Firefighting training
- b. Burn operations approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**Residential home heating with wood is allowed.**

The setting of fires to any grass, brush or forest covered land, unless authorized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation shall constitute a violation of the law.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the purpose of this Order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather conditions and the limited first responders and human resources to combat the potential fires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, accordingly, this Order shall expire five (5) days from the date of this Order and Declaration.

**Done and Ordered this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.**



**Hon. David Brooks, Town Supervisor**



**3. This Order does not apply to the following outdoor burning activities:**

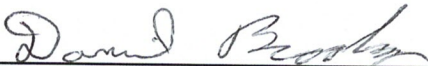
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**Done and Ordered this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.**



**Hon. David Brooks, Town Supervisor**