

# THE NAVAJO NATION

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Stage I Fire Restrictions for Navajo Nation, Effective 5-23-2022

The Navajo Nation will enter Stage I Fire Restrictions on May 23, 2022. These restrictions prohibit building, maintaining, attending or using fires in undesignated areas; including camp, charcoal, or wood fires. Any and all debris burning will also be prohibited. Outdoor smoking is permitted only within an enclosed vehicle.

The Southwest is in the midst of high fire danger with numerous large wildfires on the landscape in Arizona and New Mexico, and these restrictions are considered necessary to reduce the possibility of large wildfires that could potentially impact homes and natural resources within the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation encompasses a great deal of agricultural lands. Farming practices rely on outdoor burning for debris removal in fields and open lands. Once the Stage I Fire Restrictions are in place on May 23, 2022, residents will no longer be able to burn. Thereafter firefighters may be called upon to extinguish all fires, and fines may be issued by a Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officer and/or the Navajo Nation Police Department.

Residents are encouraged to only burn vegetation prior to the restrictions, if absolutely necessary, and to complete their burning safely by following outdoor burning guidelines. Please register your burns with Navajo Nation EPA and burn smart by observing the current and predicted weather forecast. It is recommended to burn early in the day and have control features in place, that include water, fuel breaks and tools. Never leave a burn unattended and extinguish any remaining heat when finished burning. Remember, never burn on a windy day and be aware of any Red Flag Warnings that promote extreme fire danger.

For more information, please contact the Navajo Forestry Department at 928-729-4007 and Navajo Nation EPA at 928-729-4096 to register your burn.

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