



**STATE FIRE MARSHAL ORDER RESCINDING PREVIOUS  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL ORDERS BANNING OPEN BURNING**

**\*\*October 11, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m. (EST) UPDATE\*\***

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME:** Immediately upon issuance of this Order Rescinding Previous State Fire Marshal (SFM) Orders Banning Open Burning (Recission Order).

**LOCATIONS:** All locations subject to the SFM's previous Open Burning Orders issued during the months of September or October 2024.

**STATE FIRE MARSHAL ORDER:** Due to: 1) the onset of moderate autumnal atmospheric conditions and temperatures in Ohio; 2) recent sustained rains that have fallen across the state providing enough moisture to create a significant and sustained reduction in wildfire fuel loads during the first part of October; 3) projections that wildfire fuel loads will not increase back to the dangerous levels observed in September for the foreseeable future; and 4) the implementation of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNRs) seasonal burn restrictions specified in R.C. 1503.18(C), and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) §3737.82, R.C. §3737.22(A)(1), R.C. §3737.22(A)(2), and R.C. §3737.42(A), and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 1301:7-7-01(D)(5)/Ohio Fire Code (OFC) 104.5, OAC 1301:7-7-01(I)(1)(e)/OFC 109.1.5, OAC 1301:7-7-01(I)(3)/OFC 109.3, and OAC 1301:7-7-03(G)(1)(b)/OFC 307.1.2, I, Kevin Reardon, in my official capacity as State Fire Marshal, issue the following RECISSION ORDER:

- A. All previous SFM Orders, or parts thereof, restricting or banning open burning in Ohio issued during the months of September or October 2024, including my Order of October 3, 2024 banning open burning in specific counties across Ohio, are hereby rescinded and may no longer be enforced by any authority having jurisdiction previously authorized to enforce such Orders.
- B. This Recission Order does not prohibit or limit in any way the applicability or enforceability of any open burning orders or restrictions adopted, enacted, enforced, or otherwise authorized by or within the authority/jurisdiction of any other federal, state or local governmental authority, including ODNR's seasonal burn restrictions specified in R.C. 1503.18(C) or any existing county or other political subdivision level burn restrictions.
- C. This Recission Order does not prohibit or limit the SFM from issuing any future open burning bans or limitations.

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