

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the County of Otsego
effective at: (area within municipality, or entire municipality)

12:00 PM hours on 10/28/2024
(Time) (Date)

This State of Emergency has been declared due to:
drought conditions, which has affected the water supply throughout the County
and therefore, increased the risk of wildfires.
(Description of the situation)

This situation threatens the public safety.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30 days or until rescinded by a subsequent order.
As the Chief Executive of Otsego County
(Name of municipality)

I, Edwin Frazier Jr., exercise the authority given me under
(Name of Chief Executive)

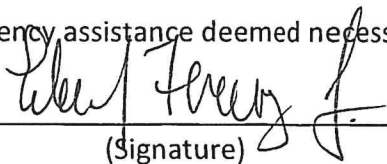
Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of:

Otsego County to take whatever steps necessary to
(Name of municipality)

Protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Edwin Frazier Jr.
(Name)


(Signature)

Chairman, Board of Representatives
(Title)

October 28, 2024
(Date)

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS

Otsego County, in accordance with a declaration of a State of Emergency issued this date, October 28, 2024, and pursuant to Section 24 of New York State Executive Law, do hereby order:

AN ORDER AND DECLARATION FOR A BURN BAN FOR ALL OF OTSEGO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego Board Chairman hereby finds the circumstances present within the County that creates a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, 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, October 28, 2024, the County of Otsego Board Chairman issued a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency regarding the severe drought conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in all of Otsego County as follows:

1. Actions prohibited:

- a) A person violates this order if he/she/they burn any combustible materials in an outdoor area.
- b) A person violates this order if he/she/they engage 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 fire department shall respond to the scene to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
- b) As soon as possible, New York State Forest Rangers office and the Otsego County Office of Emergency Services shall be notified and respond to investigate the nature of the fire.

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

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

All outdoor burning of yard debris, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and cooking fires within Otsego County is prohibited unless:

- 1. authorized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 2. for cooking of food exclusively within a contained gas or charcoal grill.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the purpose of these orders is the mitigation of public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather conditions, and that this order shall expire when the local conditions are again deemed safe, upon such date as determined by the County of Otsego Board Chairman in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Emergency Orders are valid from this date, October 28, 2024, 12:00 PM, until November 2, 2024, 12:00 PM, unless an extension of the Emergency Orders are granted prior to their expiration.