

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Think before you strike

NJDEP Fire Ban in Effect throughout the State

As we head into the fall holiday season, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has issued a statewide fire ban due to extreme fire risk. To ensure a safe and festive season for all, it is essential that residents adhere to this ban and take precautions to prevent wildfires.

Fire Ban Restrictions:

- **No outdoor fires are permitted** unless they are contained in an elevated stove using only propane, natural gas, or electricity. This includes bonfires and residential fire pits.
- **Wood or charcoal fires are strictly prohibited**, and the use of kerosene or gas torches is also banned.
- **No fireworks** are allowed during this period, as they present a significant fire hazard.
- The fire ban applies to both **public lands and private properties** in all municipalities throughout the state.

We urge all residents to share this important information with friends, family, and neighbors to help keep our communities safe.

Preventing Wildfires: Safety Tips:

Most wildfires can be prevented by following some simple safety practices:

- **Properly dispose of smoking materials**—do not discard cigarettes, matches, or smoking materials on the ground.
- **Use indoor wood stoves and fireplaces carefully**—embers can escape and cause fires. Be sure to fully douse ashes with water before disposal.
- **Park vehicles in safe areas**—hot exhaust systems can ignite dry vegetation if parked on or over it.
- **Be cautious with yard tools**—lawnmowers and chainsaws can spark fires when cutting dry grass or leaves.
- **Keep matches and lighters away from children** to prevent accidental fires.