

Declaration of State of Emergency

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of LaGrange, effective at 12:00 p.m. on October 29, 2024

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

Such conditions threaten the public safety of the citizens of the Town of LaGrange.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect until conditions improve and rescinded by the Town Supervisor.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of LaGrange, Dutchess County, State of New York, I, **Alan Bell**, exercised the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve 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 LaGrange to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such

DATED: October 29, 2024

LaGrange, NY



Alan Bell, Supervisor

Cc: Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

Dutchess County Clerk

Rebecca Valk, Attorney to the Town

Anthony Champion, LaGrange Fire Department Chief

TOWN OF LAGRANGE EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2024-01

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange Supervisor heretofore has declared a State of Emergency effective October 29, 2024 at 12:00pm., declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the Town of LaGrange due to severe drought conditions and the threat of wildfires caused by outdoor burning, and its imminent threat to the health and welfare of Town of LaGrange 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

WHEREAS, October 29, 2024, the Town Supervisor of the Town of LaGrange issued a Declaration of Local State of Emergency regarding the severe drought conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in the Town of LaGrange 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 a 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, 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.

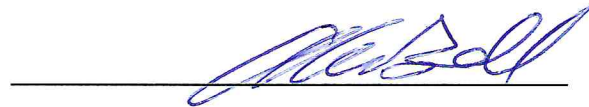
3. This order does not apply to the following outdoor burning activities:

a. Firefighter training

All outdoor burning of yard waste, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and cooking fires within said jurisdictions is prohibited.

This order shall expire when the conditions are again deemed safe, upon such date as determined by the Town of LaGrange Supervisor in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 29th day of October 2024



Alan Bell, Town Supervisor