

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, Florida, Bradford County is currently experiencing weather conditions such as an unusually early season freeze, and recent above normal high temperatures that will lead to further drying of soil conditions with little rain on the horizon; and

WHEREAS, the current and forecasted weather conditions increase the probability of dangerous wildfires and a review of all relevant factors indicates the current conditions pose a severe threat to Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on April 7th, 2026, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Chair of the Board of Bradford County Commissioners, issued this Emergency Order declaring a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida, and issuing a ban on burning which may lead to the loss of life and / or property.

NOW THEREFORE, the above recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated into this Emergency Order pursuant to the Code, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and to the authority provided this Emergency Order, dated April 7th, 2026, declaring a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida, and as follows:

- (1) A burn ban is imposed in the entirety of Bradford County, Florida.
- (2) The outdoor burning of yard trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimeneas, and cooking fires is prohibited unless: 1) authorized by the Florida Forest Service; or 2) for the cooking of food exclusively within a contained gas or charcoal grill.
- (3) The setting of fires to any grass, brush, or forest covered land, is prohibited unless authorized by the Florida Forest Service.
- (4) Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who violates the provisions of this Emergency Order, unless an exemption is approved or granted by the Florida Forest