

# Town of Baldwin

## Burning Policy and Guidelines

The Town of Baldwin does not issue burning permits. Before you burn, Town Residents are to call St. Croix County Dispatch at 715/684-2112, to first ask if there is a burning ban, and if not to notify them of your intent to burn. You will need to provide your name, address, and a phone number where you can be reached for the duration of the burn.

Campfires in fire rings do not need to be reported, but you do need to call Dispatch (715/684-2112) to check for a burning ban, which could include campfires.

St. Croix County recognizes a countywide burning ban on days when the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Red Flag warning for St. Croix County. When the NWS announces a Red Flag warning for St. Croix County every municipality and fire district will be under a burning ban until the warning is lifted.

Once the NWS notifies the St. Croix Emergency Communications Center of the Red Flag warning, a notification is sent to all fire chiefs and municipal officials. When residents call the Emergency Communications center to report they intend to have a fire, dispatchers will inform them of the Red Flag warning burning ban.

The NWS issues a Red Flag warning when weather conditions of particular importance are present or anticipated within 24 hours of issuance. This occurs whenever a geographical area has been in a dry spell for a week or two, or for a shorter period, before spring green-up or after fall color and the National Fire Danger rating system is high to extremely high and the following forecast weather parameters are forecasted to be met:

- Sustained wind average of 15 mph or greater
- Relative humidity less than or equal to 25 percent
- Temperature of greater than 75 degrees

When there is no burning ban, The Town of Baldwin advises you not to burn if conditions are very dry, wind is stronger than 8 mph, or if weather forecasts indicate wind will increase during the duration of your burn.

### **\*\* WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT AND BURNING IS ALLOWED \*\***

You ARE ALLOWED TO BURN: brush, untreated wood, and clean paper products, such as cardboard.

You ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BURN any of the following: garbage, plastic, asphalt, treated or painted wood, carpet, foam, furniture, mattresses, tires or other rubber products, oily substances, metal, wire, shingles or tar paper, vinyl siding, construction or demolition materials, and barn boards with any paint remnants or whitewash.

You must have fire-fighting tools available when burning and stay with your fire for the duration of the burn.

Residents are responsible if a fire gets away, are liable for all expenses incurred in suppressing the fire and will be responsible for all damages caused by the fire.