

NOTICE OF OPEN BURNING BAN

Date of notice: **February 17, 2026**

Open burning ban ordered by: **TRAVIS HITCHCOCK**

Title: **CORDINATOR**

Dept: **MILLS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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Area/county under open burning ban: **MILLS COUNTY**

Open burning ban effective date: **FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

Open burning ban effective time: **08:00AM**

If the area/county includes fire districts outside that of the official requesting this ban, has each fire district been notified of, and do they support, the ban? Yes No

Are all fire department(s) included in this ban? Yes No

If no, please list each department included in this ban:

Sheriff: **GREG SCHULTZ**

Email: **GSCHULTZ@MILLSCOUNTYIOWA.GOV**

Phone: (712) 527-4871

Please email this form to sfmburnbans@dps.state.ia.us once completed. When you are ready to rescind the ban, email date and time of rescinded ban.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Does the burn ban have to be county-wide or can a department institute their own?

A. Cities can institute their own per the code.

Q. For a county-wide ban, do all the chiefs have to agree?

A. No they do not all have to agree. Just indicate who does not agree on the form. Typically most bans are the entire county.

Q. Who in the SFM Office should be contacted? Does EMA usually do the request or can the mutual aid group have a representative do that on their behalf?

A. Call 515-725-6145 or send a message to sfmburnbans@dps.state.ia.us

Q. What is the proper way to rescind a ban?

A. Send a message to sfmburnbans@dps.state.ia.us with the date and time for the ban to be rescinded.

Q. Can each department rescind just their area?

A. The person or agency who requested the ban is also who would rescind the ban.

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