

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. The burn ban request form is on the State Fire Marshal website at <https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/state-fire-marshal/burn-bans>. We also have an email address for questions and communication of sfmburnbans@dps.state.ia.us

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

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

Q. Can each department rescind just their area?

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