

**COUNTY OF ROCKLAND EDWIN J. DAY,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY

**(Prolonged Dry Weather Conditions
and Prohibiting Certain Burning Activities)**

County of Rockland State of Emergency Declaration No. 2024-1

I, Edwin J. Day, County Executive, hereby declare, pursuant to NYS Executive Law § 24, a State of Emergency to exist in Rockland County as follows:

WHEREAS, the entirety of the County of Rockland (hereinafter the "County") has been experiencing prolonged dry weather conditions over the course of several months, which has resulted in extremely dry vegetation and environmental conditions that are susceptible to fire; and

WHEREAS, said prolonged dry weather has created a real, immediate and continued danger of wildfires and fire-related hazard, and the concomitant perilous effect on the lives and safety of the inhabitants that live in the effected portions of the County, and which require immediate measures to protect the lives, health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, local fire officials are reporting elevated fire danger levels that are a direct threat to the lives, health and safety of the residents and visitors in the County; and

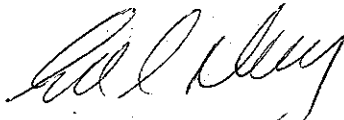
WHEREAS, the National Integrated Drought Information System currently lists the County as being "Abnormally Dry" and provides that September 2024 was the 8th driest September on record for Rockland County over the past 130 years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, the County Executive of Rockland County, as its Chief Executive, is authorized to proclaim a local State of Emergency within any part or all of the territorial limits of the County of Rockland, and in connection therewith the County Executive may promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin J. Day, as County Executive and Chief Executive of the County of Rockland, New York do hereby find the public safety to be imperiled by the present and imminent conditions created by the above-referenced weather conditions and the resulting risk of fire and fire-related hazards to the lives of residents, officials, rescue workers and others in the County of Rockland and, consequently, to safeguard the lives, health, safety and property of the public, I do hereby declare a State of Emergency for the entirety of the County of Rockland pursuant to, inter alia, New York State Executive Law Sections 24 and 25, beginning at November 1, 2024, and continuing until such time that I declare the State of Emergency is no longer necessary or such declaration expires by law, whichever is first; and

The local State of Emergency shall be effective as of November 1, 2024, and remain in effect for thirty days, and may be extended at that time.

Dated: Nov 1st, 2024



EDWIN J. DAY
County Executive
County of Rockland

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

**Edwin J. Day,
County Executive**

**LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2024-1-1**

(Prohibiting certain outdoor fires)

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYS Executive Law § 24, when a State of Emergency is in effect, the County Executive may promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control.

NOW, upon the basis of those facts and findings stated in my Declaration of a State of Emergency No. 2024-1, I hereby enact this Emergency Order No. 2024-1-1; and by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Rockland County, it is hereby:

ORDERED that,

Section 1. Prohibitions

For the duration of this Order, the following is hereby prohibited within the boundaries of the County of Rockland:

- A. All outdoor burning of any material, including, but not limited to, yard waste, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, outdoor chimneys and any cooking fires unless such an activity is expressly authorized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

- B. The following exceptions shall apply to the above list: (i) outdoor cooking for food exclusively is permitted within a contained gas or charcoal grill; (ii) any firefighting training; and (iii) any burn operations expressly approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Section 2. Remedies.

A. Criminal Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this Emergency Order or causing any other person to violate this Emergency Order, is punishable a Class 'B' Misdemeanor as prescribed by NYS Executive Law § 24(5).

B. Civil penalties.

1. Regardless of any other remedy or relief brought by the County of Rockland for any violation of this Article, any individual who violates any provision of this Order is liable to a civil penalty, to be determined by the County Executive or any other County of Rockland officer or employee to whom the County Executive may delegate the authority to assess such civil penalty.
2. For individuals and private persons, a civil penalty may be assessed for violations of this Article up to \$500 per violation for occurrence of a violation.
3. The civil penalties provided by this subdivision shall be recoverable in an action instituted in the name of the County of Rockland and initiated by the County Executive or other employee or officer designated by the County Executive.

- C. Abatement. Regardless of any other remedy or relief brought by the County for any violation, the County Executive may cause actions or

proceedings to be commenced in the name of the County, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to abate any violation of, or to enforce any provision of this Emergency Order.

D. Remedies not exclusive.

1. No remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to address any violation described in this Emergency Order.

Section 2. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Emergency Order, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered, for any reason, which remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Order is effective immediately.


Section 4. Duration and Publication of Local Emergency Order

- A. The Local Emergency Order shall remain in effect for five days unless sooner modified, extended, or revoked, and may be extended for

additional periods not to exceed five days during the pendency of the local state of emergency.

- B. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and, pursuant to New York Executive Law § 24(3) shall be (1) signed in quadruplicate, (2) published as soon as practicable in a newspaper of general circulation in Rockland County and transmitted to the radio and television media for publication and broadcast, and (3) filed within 72 hours or as soon thereafter as practicable in the (i) office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, (ii) office of the County Clerk, (iii) office of the New York State Secretary of State, and (iv) the New York State Office of Emergency Management within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

Dated: 11/11, 2024


EDWIN J. DAY
County Executive
County of Rockland