



# HOPKINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **All Outdoor Fires Are Temporarily Prohibited Due To Increased Fire Hazard**

As fire risks remain exceptionally high, the Hopkinton Fire Department, under Section 10.10.2 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, is enacting a temporary prohibition on all open, recreational, and cooking fires or other sources of ignition.

The extreme drought has heightened fire hazards, making open flames or ignition sources especially risky. Ongoing red-flag warnings and strong wind gusts are accelerating the spread of fires. Massachusetts has experienced 87 fires in the past week alone, burning more than 483 acres.

This ban will remain in effect until the area receives substantial rainfall to reduce fire risks. We thank all residents for their cooperation and vigilance as we work to protect our community.

If you have any questions, please contact the Hopkinton Fire Department at 508-497-2323.