

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**OFFICE OF THE KENTON COUNTY**  
**JUDGE/EXECUTIVE**  
**KRIS A. KNOCHELMANN**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-51**

**RE: Burn Ban**

**WHEREAS,** The County Judge/Executive is afforded the right and responsibility, pursuant to KRS Chapters 39A and 39B and the Kenton County Code of Ordinances chapters 50 and 93, to declare that a State of Emergency exists when conditions are such that there is a threat to health, safety and welfare of the residents of Kenton County, and;

**WHEREAS, “Non-Attainment” Counties:**

From May-September, open burning is further restricted in the Following counties: Boone, Boyd, Bullitt, Campbell, Jefferson, **Kenton**, Lawrence, & Oldham. These counties were previously Designated “non-attainment” for ozone and/or particulate matter Because their pollution levels exceeded those permitted by the Clean Air Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kris A. Knochelmann, Kenton County Judge Executive, by the authority vested in me by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Kenton County Code of Ordinances, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency does exist in Kenton County and Order that:

1. No person shall cause or participate in any open burning in the unincorporated areas of Kenton County. For purposes of this Order, “Open Burning” shall be defined as any fire intentionally set for any purpose in the aforementioned area, including debris disposal resulting from excavation or construction.
2. Small patio fire-pits, small campfires (generally 3'wx3'h is accepted) and grills are permissible. Contact your local fire department or city building if have any questions about open burning and or the burn ban.
3. The provisions of this Executive Order shall be enforced by all sworn peace officers with jurisdiction in Kenton County, Kentucky, in cooperation with local fire officials in the appropriate jurisdictions.
4. This State of Emergency shall remain in full force and effect from May 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, or until such time as the County Judge/Executive enters an order upon the official records of Kenton County revoking said burn ban order.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Covington, Kentucky this 25th day of April, 2023.

By:

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Kris A. Knochelmann  
Kenton County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:

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Sue J. Kaiser  
Fiscal Court Clerk