

CHATTOOGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

ISSUING A BURN WARNING DUE TO CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, Peachtree City National Weather Service issued extreme drought weather conditions as of October 31, 2023 at 0800 hours; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has encountered several high fire danger days since then stating that due to low relative humidity conditions and winds any fires burning can become unmanageable; and

WHEREAS, these extremely hazardous conditions can cause potential threat to lives and properties in Chattooga County; and

WHEREAS, wildfires do exist at this time in neighboring counties and the fire threat in Chattooga County remains high; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Forestry is currently not issuing permits for agriculture, silviculture, land clearing burns and vegetative storm debris in the county due to drought conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE, I Commissioner Blake Elsberry of Chattooga County, Georgia by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the State of Georgia and other applicable laws, due hereby order a 30 day warning on all outdoor burning, including, but not limited to small piles of natural vegetation, yard debris and campfires in Chattooga County, Georgia.

Do not throw cigarettes and matches out of a moving vehicle as they may ignite dry grass creating a wildfire.

Be vigilant while mowing or using equipment that may create a spark causing fires.

Please refrain from any outdoor fire, if possible, drown fires with plenty of water and make sure it is cold to the touch before leaving the fire unattended. If left unattended sparks from the fire can quickly ignite dry material and quickly spread.

This order shall be effective at 12:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time on Sunday, November 5, 2023, and remain in effect until 12:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time on Friday, December, 2023, at which time the suspension of any laws and rules and other provisions of this Order shall cease and be of no further effect.

Chattooga County Fire, Emergency Management and myself will continue to closely monitor fire conditions closely.

Signed,



Commissioner Blake Elsberry, Chattooga County Commissioner