

## Declaration of State of Emergency

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Washington, effective at 5:30 p.m. on October 28, 2024

The State of Emergency has been declared due to drought conditions, which have impacted the Town's water supply and increased the risk of wildfires.

Such conditions threaten the public safety of the citizens of the Town of Washington.

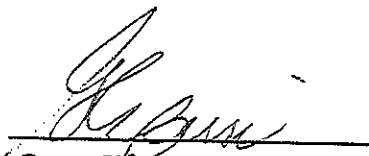
This State of Emergency will remain in effect until conditions improve and rescinded by the Town Supervisor.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of Washington, Dutchess County, State of New York, I **Gary Ciferri**, exercised the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby all departments and agencies of the Town of Washington to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such

Dated: October 28, 2024

Town of Washington, NY

  
Gary Ciferri, Supervisor

Cc: Chrissy Briggs, Town Clerk

Dutchess County Clerk

Joesph Eriole, Attorney to the Town

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2024-01**

**AN ORDER AND DECLARATION FOR A BURN BAN FOR ALL OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON UNDER LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Washington Supervisor hereby finds that circumstances present within the Town of Washington create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Washington Supervisor heretofore has declared a State of Emergency effective October 28, 2024 at 5:30pm, declaring that state of emergency exists throughout the Town of Washington due to severe drought conditions and the threat of wildfires caused by outdoor burning, and its imminent threat to the health and welfare of Town of Washington citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order, in accordance with Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, authorizes political subdivisions to take whatever prudent action that is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law authorizes political subdivisions to take all necessary action and issue any necessary orders to protect human life; and

**WHEREAS**, October 28, 2024, the Town Supervisor of the Town of Washington issued a Declaration of Local State of Emergency regarding the severe drought conditions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in the Town of Washington as follows:**

**1. ACTIONS prohibited:**

- a. A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material in an outdoor area.
- b. A person violates this order if he/she engages in any outdoor activity which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire

**2. ENFORCEMENT:**

- a. Upon notification of a suspected outdoor burning the local volunteer fire companies shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
- b. As soon as possible, law enforcement agencies shall respond to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire. The law enforcement officers shall request immediate compliance with this order.

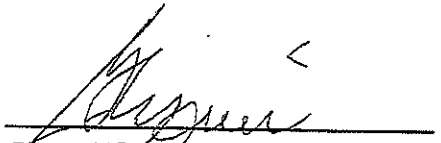
**3. This order does not apply to the following outdoor burning activities:**

- a. Firefighter training

**ALL outdoor burning of yard waste, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and cooking fires within said jurisdiction is prohibited.**

This order shall expire when the conditions are again deemed safe, upon such date as determined by the Town of Washington Supervisor in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

  
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Gary Ciferri, Town Supervisor

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

Local Emergency Order for: Town of Washington  
(name(s) of area(s)/municipality(ies) affected by this order)

I, Gary Ciferri, the Chief Executive  
of the Town of Washington, in accordance with a declaration of a State of  
(name of municipality)

Emergency issued on October 28, 2024, and pursuant to Section 24 of the  
(date SOE was issued)

New York State Executive Law, do hereby order a Declaration of Local State of  
Emergency regarding severe drought conditions,  
that outdoor burning is prohibited in the  
Town of Washington.  
(description of the action ordered and the area(s) affected and the reason for the order)

This order shall take effect October 28, 2024  
("IMMEDIATELY" or specify date and time)

and shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless rescinded earlier by order of the Chief Executive. This order may also be renewed in (5) five-day increments.

Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24(5).

Signed this the 28 day of October, 2024, at 5:30 pm o'clock, in,  
(date) (month) (year) (time)

Town of Washington, New York.  
(municipality)

Gary Ciferri (Name) [Signature] (Signature)

Chrissy Briggs (Witness Name) Chrissy Briggs (Witness Signature)

Supervisor (Title) October 28, 2024 (Date)

# STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Washington effective at  
(area within municipality, or entire municipality)

5:30pm on 10/28/2024  
(time) (date)

This State of Emergency has been declared due to drought conditions, which have  
the Town's water supply and increased the risk of wildfires.  
(description of situation)

This situation threatens the public safety.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded by a subsequent order.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of Washington  
(name of municipality)  
I, Gary Ciferri, exercise the authority given me under  
(name of Chief Executive)

Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required  
and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the Town of Washington to  
(name of municipality)

take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency  
assistance deemed necessary.

Gary Ciferri  
(Name)

[Signature]  
(Signature)

Supervisor  
(Title)

10/28/2024  
(Date)