

# Statewide burn ban in effect March 16 to May 14 in New York state



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ALBANY, N.Y. >> Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos reminded residents Wednesday that with spring approaching and conditions for wildfires heightened, residential brush burning is prohibited from March 16 through May 14 across New York state.

“While many people associate wildfires with the Western United States, the start of spring weather and the potential for dry conditions increases the risk for wildfires in New York,” Seggos said. “New York prohibits residential burning during the high-risk fire season to reduce wildfires and protect people, property, and natural resources. The ban has been extremely effective in reducing the number of wildfires.”

The state agency will post a Fire Danger Map rating forecast daily for the 2018 fire season on its website and on the NY Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife App available on its website.