



News from Livingston County, NY

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Message from Livingston County Office of Emergency Management

Mount Morris, NY, March 15, 2021 — Brad Austin, Director of Livingston County's Office of Emergency Management, would like to share the following information as we head into spring.

Brush Burning Ban: March 16 – May 14, 2021

Open burning is the single greatest cause of wildfires in New York State. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), open burning is prohibited in New York State, with several exceptions:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires. Visit the [NYSDEC website](#) for more information.

RecruitNY Weekend: April 24 – 25, 2021

RecruitNY, an initiative of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), is an annual campaign that aims to increase membership in the state's volunteer fire service. The 2021 RecruitNY Weekend is scheduled for April 24 – 25. During the weekend, participating volunteer fire departments will hold virtual or traditional open house events that provide the public with a glimpse of what it means to be a volunteer firefighter. Fire departments that

would like to participate in the campaign can sign up on the [RecruitNY website](#). Residents can click [here](#) to see which local fire departments are participating.

Austin stated, “The 19 volunteer fire departments in Livingston County play a central role in protecting our communities. RecruitNY is a great opportunity for residents to meet the volunteers who keep us safe, better understand how a volunteer fire department functions, and decide if joining is right for them.”

For more information on the brush burning ban or RecruitNY, please contact the Livingston County Office of Emergency Management at 585-243-7160.

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