

N.C. severe drought conditions expand to 15 western counties

North Carolina's Drought Management Advisory Council (DMAC) has expanded its Severe Drought category (D2 classification) for parts of 15 counties as of Oct. 31.

Impacted counties include Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain and Transylvania.

Severe drought is the second category of the four drought classifications based on the U.S. Drought Monitor. An additional 57 counties in western North Carolina are considered to be in Moderate Drought category (D1 classification).

Most of the state is experiencing dry conditions based on factors including streamflow, groundwater levels, reservoir levels, soil moisture and fire danger.

Rainfall deficits of 4 to 10 inches have developed in western North Carolina since the beginning of September.

"This is one of the top five driest September and October periods on record for much of western North Carolina," said Corey Davis, assistant state climatologist with the NC State Climate Office. "Since Sept. 1, Charlotte has had only 1.86 inches of rain, which is the driest start to fall there since 1961. In southern mountain locations such as Asheville and Murphy, the last time it was this dry at

this time of year was in 2016, which was part of a memorably extreme and impactful drought. As the weeks with little to no rain continue to stack up, we're seeing that reflected on the drought map, with more than 50% of the state now classified in Moderate or Severe Drought."

The lack of rainfall has had the largest impact on streamflow and reservoir levels, said Klaus Albertin, chair of the DMAC.

"Fortunately, the period of highest demand for public water supplies and agriculture is past," Albertin said. "However, nearly 30 % of streamgages are flowing below the 10th percentile for a 28-day average. Jordan Lake and Falls Lake are below their target levels and had 62 percent and 54 percent, respectively, of their water quality pool remaining as of October 30. The Roanoke River is seeing a salt wedge migrating inland due to reduced streamflow. The forecast for the next week shows little chance of rain, so conditions statewide are likely to gradually worsen. We are entering an El Niño pattern which usually brings cool, wet weather to the Southeast, so we are hoping to see conditions improve by mid-winter."

To learn more, visit <https://www.ncdrought.org/education>.

Burn ban issued for 14 counties in Western North Carolina due to hazardous forest fire conditions

Due to increased fire risk, the N.C. Forest Service has issued a ban on all open burning and has canceled all burning permits for Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain and Transylvania counties effective 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, until further notice.

"Several counties in Western North Carolina are currently in a severe drought, and we are seeing wildfire activity increase due to dry conditions. Because dry conditions are expected to continue this burn ban is necessary to reduce the risk of fires starting and spreading quickly. Our top priority is always to protect lives, property and forestland across the state," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Even though not all areas of the North Carolina fall under the burn ban, we do encourage extreme caution with any burning as conditions are dry in many areas of the state. We will continue to assess conditions in the coming weeks to determine if we need to expand the burn ban."

Under North Carolina law, the ban prohibits all open burning in the affected counties, regardless of whether a permit was previously issued. The issuance of any new permits has also been suspended until the ban is lifted. Anyone violating the burn ban faces a \$100 fine plus \$183 court costs. Any person responsible for setting a fire may be liable for any expenses related to extinguishing the fire.

Local fire departments and law enforcement officers are assisting the N.C. Forest Service in enforcing the burn ban.

The N.C. Forest Service will continue to monitor conditions. Residents with questions regarding a specific county can contact their N.C. Forest Service county ranger or their county fire marshal's office.

Answers to FAQ:

Q: What is open burning?

A: Open burning includes burning leaves, branches or other plant material. In all cases, burning trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other nonvegetative material is illegal.

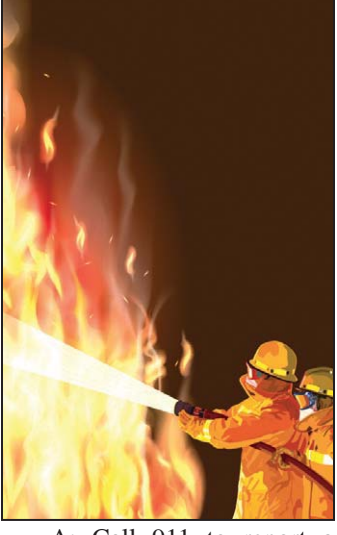
Q: May I still use my grill or barbecue?

A: Yes, if no other local ordinances prohibit their use.

Q: How should I report a wildfire?

A: Call 911 to report a wildfire.

Q: How should I report a person who intentionally starts a wildfire?



A: Call 911 to report a wildfire.

Q: My local fire marshal has also issued a burn ban for my county. What does this mean?

A: The burn ban issued by the N.C. Forest Service does not apply to a fire within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. Local government agencies have jurisdiction over open burning within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. The N.C. Forest Service has advised county fire marshals of the burning ban and has asked for their consideration of also implementing a burning ban. If a fire within a 100-foot area of a dwelling escapes containment, a North Carolina forest ranger may take reasonable steps to extinguish or control it. The person responsible for setting the fire may be liable for any expenses related to extinguishing the fire.

Q: Are there other instances which impact open burning?

A: Local ordinances and air quality regulations may impact open burning. For instance, outdoor burning is prohibited in areas covered by Code Orange or Code Red air quality forecasts. Learn more about air quality forecasts at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-outreach-education/air-quality-forecasts>.

Q: Can I have a campfire when I go camping?

A: Campfires would be considered open burning and are not exempt from the burn ban. During a burn ban, portable gas stoves or grills are alternate methods for cooking food while camping.

Q: What can I do to protect my house against the risk of wildfire?

A: Learn about wildfire risk assessments and preparedness and prevention plans on the N.C. Forest Service website at https://www.ncforests-service.gov/fire_control/fc_wui.htm or <https://www.resistwildfire.org/>.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Marla Hollrah of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 1 day of November, 2023.

Julie Admire
134 Anderson St.
St. Charles, MO 63301
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Joseph Woodrow Mathis of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 1 day of November, 2023.

Nina Faye Boone
22 Woody Hills Lane
Bakersville, NC 28705
Published November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Donald Dwight McIntosh of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of October, 2023.

Sheila Kay McIntosh Baker
1001 Bakers Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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Need a Broom?

Since 1950, the Burnsville Lions Club has been selling their trademark brooms as a fundraiser to provide vision care to needy persons in Yancey County. While we no longer go door to door selling our brooms, we have placed our "broom boxes" in a variety of places throughout the county. Following is a list of businesses where you may locate our "broom boxes" and purchase a broom. Buchanan & Young (713 E. Main), Jill's Hairport (212 W. Main), Phil's Tire Service (617 E. Main), Sue's Beauty Shop (511 W. Main), Fox Country Store (680 W. Main), Troy's Greenhouse (30 Cherry Ln), Shear Perfection Salon (117 Westover St.), and Yancey Graphics (607 W. Hwy 19E).

We appreciate your continued support of this long standing project.

Marine Corps League Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266

Meeting Notice Located at the Western Sizzler Restaurant, 11961 S Hwy 226, Spuce Pine, NC 28777

Meeting the 3rd Thursday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.

All branches are welcome and families!

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Carl P. Fox of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of October, 2023.

Harley Fox
635 Lickskillet Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Anna Mae Robinson of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of October, 2023.

Pam Robinson
1145 Seven Mile Ridge Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Pearson Riddle, Jr. of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of October, 2023.

Wanda Mae Riddle
86 Pearson Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Aletta Martz of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of October, 2023.

Jeffery Polgar
379 Piney Branch Way
Burnsville, NC 28714
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Times Journal Deadline

Deadline for news copy, pictures, classified advertisements is 12:00 on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Copy should be brought by the office located at 22 North Main Street or mailed to Times Journal, 22 North Main Street, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

LEGAL NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY Special Proceedings No. 23 SP 49

Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Date of Sale: November 14, 2023

Time of Sale: 3:00 p.m.

Place of Sale: Yancey County Courthouse

Description of Property: See Attached Description

Record Owners: Harold David Byrd and Heirs of Dixie J. Byrd

Address of Property: 120 Indian Trail Burnsville, NC 28714

Deed of Trust: Book : 611 Page: 98

Dated: June 2, 2009

Grantors: Harold David Byrd and Dixie J. Byrd

Original Beneficiary: State Employees' Credit Union

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property, and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax.

A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property; an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Dated: 10/23/23

Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee

Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.

Posted on 10/23/23

Exhibit A

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BURNSVILLE, BURNSVILLE TOWNSHIP, YANCEY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ADJOINING LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO PAUL ANGLIN AND INDIAN TRAIL STREET, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON AN IRON STAKE ON THE BANK OF INDIAN TRAIL ROAD AT PAUL ANGLIN'S SOUTHWEST CORNER AND RUNS AN EASTERLY COURSE 125 FEET WITH PAUL ANGLIN'S LINE TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE A SOUTHERLY COURSE 125 FEET WITH PAUL ANGLIN'S LINE TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE A SOUTHERLY COURSE 70 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE A WESTERLY

COURSE 125 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE ON THE EAST BANK OF INDIAN TRAIL ROAD; THENCE A NORTHERLY COURSE WITH INDIAN TRAIL ROAD TO THE BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record and utility lines and rights of way in existence over, under or upon the above-described property.

ParcelID: 082011754321000

Property Address: 120 Indian Trail Burnsville, NC 28714

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Ida Cody Slagle of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 1 day of November, 2023.

Connie Buchanan
80 Presnell Hollow Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Kenneth Britt McCurry of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of October, 2023.

Jamie Lynn McCurry

Price

9057 Gardens Grove Road

Leland, NC 28751

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LEGAL NOTICE Yancey County Commissioners Notice of Adoption of Schedules, Standards, and Rules for the 2024 Reappraisal

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of October 2023, the Yancey County Board of Commissioners adopted the Schedule of Values, standards, and rules to be used in the 2024 reappraisal of real property in Yancey County.

Notice is further given that a copy of said Schedule of Values, standards, and rules is posted on the County's website, www.yanceycountync.gov, and is on file in the Yancey County Tax Office, 110 Town Square Burnsville, NC 28714.

Notice is further given that a property owner who asserts that the schedules, standards, and rules are invalid, may take exception to the order and appeal to the Property Tax Commission within 30 days of the date when this notice is first published. The final date that these schedules may be appealed is December 8, 2023.

Notice given this 8th day of November 2023.

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Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals any weekday from 10:30 to noon to Yancey County's shut-ins.

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.