

Morgan County

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Effective June 19, 2026

1. Open Fires

Open fires are prohibited except in approved fire rings or grills at developed campgrounds and day-use areas with pressurized water systems, or in permanently constructed fire pits at private residences with access to pressurized water.

2. Smoking in Dry Vegetation Areas

Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, building, developed recreation site, or in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.

3. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Devices

The use of fireworks, tracer ammunition, exploding targets, and other pyrotechnic devices is prohibited.

4. Cutting, Welding, or Grinding Metal

Activities such as cutting, welding, or grinding metal are prohibited in areas where dry vegetation is present.

5. Operating Equipment Without a Spark Arrestor

Motorcycles, ATVs, chainsaws, and other small internal combustion engines may not be operated unless they are equipped with an approved and functioning spark arrestor.

**Violations of the restrictions may result in a Class B
Misdemeanor charge with penalties of up to six
months in jail and fines of up to \$1,000.**

The restrictions remain in place until rescinded by the State Forester.