

Wildfire hazard season began Oct. 1

FRANKFORT - Gov. Andy Beshear is urging Team Kentucky to be alert as the fall wildfire hazard season began Oct. 1, bringing outdoor burning restrictions to the state.

“It’s so important this fall that we do what we can to protect Kentucky and our people,” Gov. Beshear said. “Please stay alert and follow the guidance so we keep everyone safe and protect against wildfires.”

The commonwealth’s outdoor burning law (KRS 149.400) prohibits burning between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. local time within 150 feet of any woodland,

brushland, or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. These restrictions are in effect every fall (Oct. 1 – Dec. 15) and spring (Feb. 15 – April 30) to help prevent wildfires.

“We had a wet spring in the state, creating good growing conditions for vegetation. With the current drought conditions in parts of Kentucky, we are likely to see leaves falling early and increased fuel on the ground for wildfires to spread,” said Division Director and State Forester Brandon Howard. “The Division of Forestry is preparing for a busy wildfire hazard season. Our firefighters

are trained and ready to quickly and safely respond to wildfires when they occur.”

The Division of Forestry responds to between 850 and 1,000 wildfires annually. In Kentucky, 99% of all wildfires are caused by human activity. Arson accounts for more than half, with debris fires being the second leading cause. If a fire escapes from the burning of debris, immediately contact the nearest Division of Forestry field office or a local fire department.

Kentucky’s forests cover nearly half of the commonwealth’s land mass, at 12 million acres, and are a major economic force. In 2023-2024,

the forest products industry contributed \$19.1 billion to the state’s economy and provided more than 28,000 jobs.

"Wildfires, when left uncontrolled, can wreak havoc on our cherished forest ecosystems and diminish timber value for landowners. They also pose significant risks to both the public and our brave firefighters. Let's work together to protect our environment and ensure everyone's safety. Being responsible today makes for a brighter tomorrow," said Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman.

To help prevent wildfires, the Kentucky Division of Forestry recommends the following precautions:

Avoid burning debris during fire hazard seasons and during dry, windy conditions. Outdoor burning is illegal between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland during wildfire hazard seasons.

Incorporate “Firewise” practices around homes and communities in forested areas. Firewise practices include creating a defensible space around homes by removing leaves, debris, and firewood to ensure access for safety personnel and equipment in

rural or isolated areas.

Report suspected arson to the nearest Kentucky State Police post or call the Target Arson Hotline at 800-27-ARSON.

Contact your local fire department or county judge/executive’s office for questions regarding local burn bans. Residents should call the Division for Air Quality at (502) 564-3999 to learn about other specific regulations before burning anything.

For more on the Kentucky Division of Forestry, and outdoor burning, visit <https://bit.ly/OutdoorBurning>.

Youth suicide prevention starts with awareness

According to the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, suicide numbers among children aged 6-17 have increased since 2020. Among young adults (ages 18-24), those numbers rose until 2023 but have shown a decline in 2024. As the school year begins each year, suicide risk among youth and young adults tends to rise.

For youth and young adults still in school, unique stressors within the academic environment can contribute to increased mental health challenges and heightened suicide risk. Some of those stressors include,



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but are not limited to:

- Being a victim of bullying,
- Having a history of depression and other mental illness,
- Being exposed to violence or suicide,
- Being a victim of physi-

cal, emotional, or sexual abuse, and

Having access to lethal means.

Suicide prevention is possible — and it starts with awareness and action.

A number of factors at the individual, friends/family, community, and societal levels protect people from suicide. At the individual level, some of the factors that protect a person against suicide risk include:

- Having personal reasons to live and setting future goals,
- Knowing who to contact in a crisis, and
- Seeking help when fac-

ing emotional or psychological challenges.

The family of a young person at risk for suicide can reduce that risk by:

Promoting supportive environments and strong social connections,

Teaching coping and problem-solving skills to manage stress,

Reducing or eliminating access to lethal means, and

Recognizing warning signs and seeking help when someone may be at risk.

Warning signs of suicide ideation to watch for include:

Obsession with death or dying, including talking about or planning suicide,

Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities or disengagement from school,

Neglect of personal appearance or health, and

New or increased use of alcohol or drugs, or engaging in reckless behavior.

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis and is ready to seek help, the following resources are available:

Call 988 or chat with a counselor at <https://chat.988lifeline.org/>

FindMentalHealth-NowKY.org is a search tool that can help you find mental health treatment facilities in Kentucky with available openings. Use the “Age” filter for facilities that work directly with youth. You can also find educational and community resources on this website.

Mental Health America of Kentucky – Mental Health Screening. Everyone experiences times of anxiety, stress, and sadness. Knowing when it’s time to seek professional mental health assistance is important. <https://screening.mhantional.org/screening-tools/?ref=MHAKY>.

Lebanon Powerball winning ticket worth \$50,000 remains unclaimed

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Did you purchase a Powerball Lottery ticket for the September 8 drawing at the Five Star on Springfield Road? If so, check that ticket. A ticket worth \$50,000 was sold there and has not yet been claimed.

The Kentucky Lottery reports that four Powerball winning tickets from the recent \$1.8 billion jackpot run remain unclaimed. They are:

A \$1 million winning ticket

sold at Kroger, 1670 Starlite Dr., Owensboro, Ky. 42301 from Saturday, July 7, 2025, drawing.

A \$50,000 winning ticket sold at Saddlebrook One, 525 West Laurel Road, London, Ky. 40741 from the Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025, drawing.

A \$50,000 winning ticket purchased online at kylottery.com from the Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, drawing.

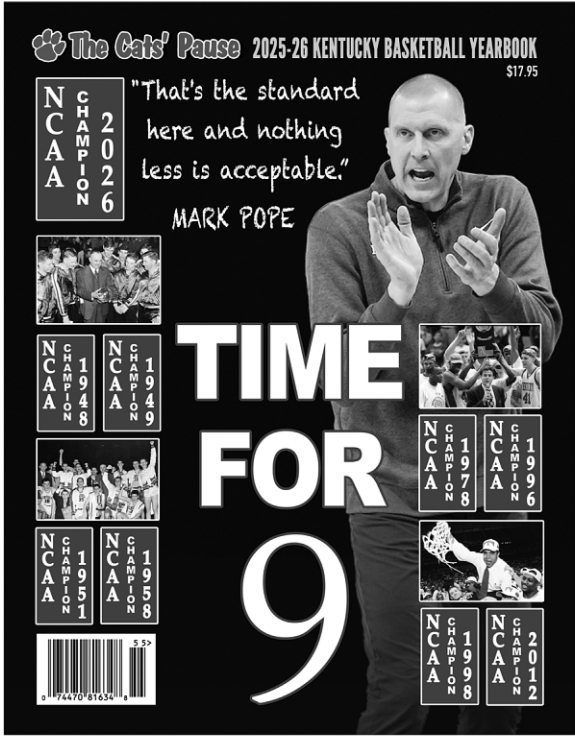
A \$50,000 winning ticket purchased at Five Star, 38 Dead Ready Lane, Lebanon,

Ky. 40033 from the Monday, Sept. 8, 2025, drawing.

Winners must claim their prizes at lottery headquarters – 1011 W. Main St. in Louisville. Winners

should contact the lottery at 1-877-789-4532 to make an appointment to claim their prize. Winners have 180 days from the drawing in which they won to claim their ticket.

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EMH sponsors sensory-friendly glow party

DANVILLE – Ephraim McDowell Health is thrilled to announce the return of the Sensory Friendly Spooktacular Costume Party & Glow Dance on Sunday, October 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Boyle County Extension Office. This free, family-friendly event creates a safe and inclusive space for children and adults with special needs to celebrate Halloween in a way that meets their unique needs.

The Spooktacular offers a wide range of activities, including trick-or-treating

with more than 30 community vendors, a glow dance, specially designed sensory and calming rooms, and several surprises.

The event is free of charge and open to the public, with a special focus on serving children and adults with special needs and their families. To register, please visit Ephraim McDowell Health’s Facebook event page. For more information, please contact Monica Gilbert at mrobertson@emhealth.org or (859) 239-3562.

Post offices closed on Oct. 13 in observance of Columbus Day

KENTUCKY — Retail services at post offices across Kentucky will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13, in recognition of the Columbus Day holiday. There will be no mail delivery to street or Post Office Box addresses, except for Priority Mail Express.

All services will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Customers requiring postal services can use the

Self-Service Kiosk (SSK) available at select post offices. The ATM-like kiosk, which accepts debit and credit cards only, can handle 80 percent of the transactions conducted at the retail counter such as buying stamps or shipping a package.

To find SSK locations or check hours of operation, customers can go to www.usps.com.