



Bexar County Fire Marshal

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Bexar County is under a burn ban

Despite the forecast for rain in the immediate future, Commissioners Court approved an order banning outdoor burning for unincorporated Bexar County. The ban is effective immediately and will last for 90 days.

“While the wet November we just had is great for the aquifer, it also means there is more vegetation on the ground,” Fire Marshal Craig Roberts said. “With cool temperatures and lower humidity, that vegetation dries out and becomes the perfect fuel for grass and wild fires.”

The order allows for burning of household trash or other domestic waste material if a burn barrel with a wire mesh screen is used to prevent the spread of sparks and flames. Other exceptions include firefighting training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or burns conducted by a prescribed burn manager.

The Fire Marshal may make daily provisions for outdoor burning depending on weather conditions. Please call (210) 335-0300 to determine whether burning will be allowed for the day, and to receive a burn permit number.

A violation of the order is a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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