



BEFORE BURNING, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

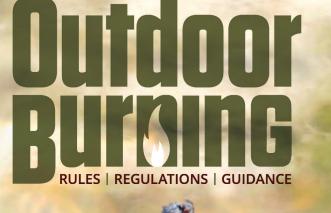
Local Dispatch Sheriff's Office Local Fire Department Texas A&M Forest Service

BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE DETAILS FOR:

Burn location Burn duration Estimated size Onsite contact person Gate code

Contact information:

Karnes County Sheriff's Office 830-780-3931



BROUGHT TO YOU IN COOPERATION WITH



Guidance



FIRE WEATHER WATCHES

The National Weather Service will issue a "FireWeather Watch" to alert fire control officials and the public to the possible development of Red

Flag conditions in a particular area or region in the near future (up to 72 hours inadvance).

RED FLAG WARNINGS

Red Flag Warnings are issued when expected fuel (vegetation) and weather conditions will increase the likelihood of escaped control

fires and rapid rates of spread of existing wildfires.

Texas Penal Code

BURNING OFFENSES



Arson: Chapter 28 (sec. 28.02) Arson, criminal mischief, and other property damage or destruction -A person commits a violation if he

starts a fire or causes an explosion with intent to destroy or damage any vegetation, fence or structure on open space land.

Reckless Damage or Destruction:

Chapter 28 (sec. 28.04) Reckless damage or destruction - A person commits a crime if he recklessly allows his fire to damage or destroy someone else's property.



Predictive Services



ASSESSMENT & MONITORING

TAMFS continually analyzes current and predicted weather conditions, wildfire occurrence, and availability

of vegetative fuels throughout the year to maintain a continual assessment of wildfire risk at the state, regional and local level.

BURN BANS

During periods of drought and/or high wildfire danger, a county judge or commissioner's court may enact a burn ban to protect the public and prevent human-caused wildfires.



SAFE DEBRIS BURNING

Check with your local fire department before burning.



Choose a location away from trees, power lines, or structures.



- Place a metal barrel on bricks, gravel or dirt. Cover with a metal screen with ¼ inch
- openings to prevent flying embers. • Equally space three vents to create a hotter fire with less smoke.
- Keep debris piles small and manageable, no wider than 4 feet.
- Maintain at least 10 feet clearing around the pile.
- Wet the area around the burn pile.

DO BURN

 Downwind of any neighboring structure that contains sensitive receptors.

heavy oils

asphalt materials

chemical wastes

• explosive materials

 Only outside the corporate limits of a city or town.

DON'T BURN

- electrical insulation
- treated lumber
- plastics
- construction materials

items containing

rubber

natural or synthetic

HOURS TO BURN

Never leave

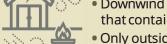
fire unattended.

Have water

available.

Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise, end it the same day, and no later than one hour before sunset.











• Winds must be from six to 23 miles

Burning during temperature

inversions or air stagnation

advisories is prohibited.

conditions will not present a hazard to any public

per hour during the burning period.

General Requirements for Burning

WEATHER

Burn only when wind direction or weather

road, landing strip, or navigable water.