



# 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:**

Gillespie County Communications 830-990-8793 (Option # 1)





**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

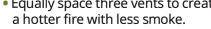
Check with your local fire department before burning.

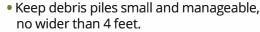


Choose a location away from trees, power lines, or structures.

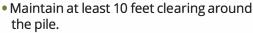


openings to prevent flying embers. • Equally space three vents to create





• Place a metal barrel on bricks, gravel or dirt. Cover with a metal screen with ¼ inch





#### **Never leave** fire unattended.

Have water available.





### **General Requirements for Burning**



#### **WEATHER**

- Winds must be from six to 23 miles per hour during the burning period.
- Burning during temperature inversions or air stagnation advisories is prohibited.
- Burn only when wind direction or weather conditions will not present a hazard to any public road, landing strip, or navigable water.



#### **DO BURN**

- Downwind of any neighboring structure that contains sensitive receptors.
- Only outside the corporate limits of a city or town.



#### **HOURS TO BURN**

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



#### **DON'T BURN**

- electrical insulation
- treated lumber
- plastics
- construction materials
- heavy oils
- asphalt materials
- explosive materials
- chemical wastes

• items containing natural or synthetic rubber

