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Today, on September 30, 2009, the Nueces County Commissioners Court lifted the Outdoor Burning Ban most recently adopted August 5, 2009. Nueces County has been under a ban that has been renewed continually since the fall of 2007.

Due to recent rains, the Keetch-Byram went down over 200 units, indicating more moisture in the soil. The public is cautioned however, that the Keetch-Byram index is already on the rise, and that the Nueces County Commissioners Court may reconsider adopting an Outdoor Burn Ban at its meeting of October 14, 2009.

County Judge Loyd Neal stated, "The Court thought it would give the citizens in the unincorporated areas an opportunity to get rid of brush piles that have accumulated rodents and possums and have health implications in their own right." The Judge further cautioned, "Residents choosing to exercise outdoor burning must never leave fires unattended and must use the utmost care when burning."