

For Immediate Release
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Date: From: County Judge Ed Janecka
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Fayette County Commissioners Court **lifted the burn ban Monday morning, September 14, 2009.** This was done after discussions with the Chief of the Fayette County Firefighters Association and the Texas Forest Service who agreed the burn ban can be lifted at this time; however, Judge Janecka pleads with all citizens to use caution when burning.

If planning a controlled burn, please contact the Fayette County Sheriff's Department at 979-968-5856 or 743-HELP (743-4357) and advise them of your intent to burn.

Judge Janecka pleads with all citizens to please use common sense when burning and to be advised of the following:

- Start burns early in the morning and make sure that they are extinguished before sunset (this is a TNRCC rule);
- If burning trash, please have a water hose nearby;
- Do not burn in windy conditions;
- Have a safe zone around the burn;
- Do not leave burns unattended;
- If a burn gets out of control, call 911 immediately.

The Texas Administrative Code , Title 30, Chapter 111 gives examples of what can and cannot be burned. Outdoor burning is allowed for disposal of normal domestic waste from a private residence, housing not more than 3 families, when the waste is generated only from that property. Examples of wastes that may be burned include such things as kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging materials (including plastic and rubber), clothing, grass, leaves, and tree trimmings. Examples of wastes that may not be burned include tires, electrical wire, treated lumber, asphaltic materials, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, furniture, carpet appliances and plastic and rubber items that are not packaging materials. Animal carcasses may be burned to control the spread of disease. Trees, brush, grass, and leaves, may be burned on the property from which it is generated.