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Burn ban adopted by Commissioners Court

Commissioners Court approved an order today restricting outdoor burning in unincorporated Bexar County because of the dry weather conditions and heavy fuel loads on the ground. The ban is effective immediately and will expire on June 24, or sooner if the court finds that a public safety hazard no longer exists.

The order allows burning of household trash or other domestic waste material if a burn barrel with a metal 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.

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