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Bexar County under burn ban

Commissioners Court approved a ban on outdoor burning in unincorporated Bexar County that goes into effect immediately. The ban expires on Nov. 15 unless conditions improve before then and the ban can be lifted.

Fire Marshal Chris Lopez noted heavy fuel loads from abundant spring rains, along with high temperatures, wind speeds and changing humidity as conditions increasing the risk of brush fire conditions that could be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index is an indicator of fire potential on a scale of 0 to 800 with the highest range representing the driest conditions. The KBDI range for Bexar County is from 436 to 655, with an average of 588.

Under the ban, residents are restricted to burning household waste in burn barrels with metal wire mesh screens that prevent the spread of sparks and flames. The order prohibits all other outdoor burning unless authorized by the County Fire Marshal, or burning for firefighting training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or harvesting of agricultural crops.

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

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