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Bexar County under a burn ban for 90 days

Commissioners Court on Tuesday approved an order banning outdoor burning in unincorporated Bexar County for the next 90 days. The order permits the burning of household trash or other domestic waste in a burn barrel with a wire mesh screen to prevent the spread of sparks and flames.

Exceptions to the ban include outdoor burning for firefighting training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or harvesting of agricultural crops. The ban will expire on Nov. 19, unless the fire marshal finds a public safety hazard no longer exists and lifts it sooner.

The average Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) in Bexar County is 664 today. The 14-day outlook puts the county's KBDI in the 700 to 800 range. The KBDI is used to determine wildfire potential based on precipitation and soil moisture. The index ranges from 0 to 800, with the highest end representing absolutely dry conditions.

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