



Residential Outdoor Burning Guidelines While NOT Under a Burn Ban

All burns must follow the TCEQ Outdoor Burn Regulations for Texas.

Allowable:

- **Brush Piles, Limbs, Leaves, Grass**
- **Domestic waste**—in other words, household trash or rubbish—may be burned.
 - The waste must:
 - Come from a property that is designed to be a private residence
 - Be burned on the property where it was produced. For example, kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves, and branch trimmings.
 - Be monitored during burning by an adult with a means of extinguishing the fire.

Requirements

- Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise and preferably before noon.
- Burning must end the same day and no later than one hour before sunset.
- Any burning must be attended by a responsible adult at all times.
- Winds must be from 6 to 23 mph during the burn period.
- Keep fires downwind of, or at least 300 feet (90 meters) away, from any neighboring structure that contains sensitive receptors. (**Structure containing sensitive receptor(s)** – A man made structure utilized for human residence, business, or the containment of livestock). This requirement may be waived only with the prior written approval of whoever owns or rents the adjacent property and either resides or conducts business there.
- **Any fires left unattended, especially after dark, are illegal and property owner can be fined.**

Not Allowable:

- Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

For more information please call District 1 Fire & Rescue at 830-779-2438 Ext. 5 or you may call the Wilson County Health & Public Safety Office at (830) 393-8503 during normal business hours.

