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PREPARING FOR WILDFIRES

As a homeowner, you are not powerless in your defense against wildfires. By taking a proactive approach to wildfire prevention, you can significantly increase your safety and your home's likelihood of survival during a catastrophic wildfire event.

The actions you take to mitigate the risk on your property before a fire occurs can make all the difference. Follow the link to the Texas A & M forest service website

<http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/ProtectYourHome/> to get guidelines ensure that your home has the best chance of surviving a wildfire.



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General Requirements for Allowable Outdoor Burning.

ALWAYS CALL THE JONES COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE (325)- 823-4604 Prior to any outside burning

1. Burning must be outside the corporate limits of a city or town except where the incorporated city or town has enacted ordinances which permit burning consistent with the Texas Clean Air Act, Subchapter E, Authority of Local Governments.
2. Burning shall be commenced and conducted only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptor(s).
3. If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.
4. Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet (90 meters) from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant with possessory control.

5. Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:

(A) **The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day not later than one hour before sunset,** and shall be attended by a responsible party at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires and/or smoldering objects continue to emit smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

(B) Burning shall not be commenced when surface wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour (mph) or greater than 16 mph during the burn period.

(C) Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions.

6. 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.

Responsibility for Consequences of Outdoor Burning.

The person conduct any outdoor burning is responsible from the consequences, damages, or injuries resulting from the burning and is not exempt from complying with all other applicable laws or ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction.

This publication is intended to provide general information to help people in Texas be aware of the basic rules and recommendations regarding outdoor burning in a residential setting.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assistance/air/odb/gi415-order-form.html>