



Wichita County

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OUTDOOR BURNING RULES IN TEXAS AS SET FORTH BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Chapter 111, Subchapter b
111.201, 111.203, 111.205, 111.207, 111.209, 111.211, 111.213, 111.215, 111.219, 111.221
Effective June 12, 2002

- 1) Burning is permitted **ONLY** outside the corporate limits of a city or town
- 2) Burning of household trash or rubbish is prohibited. (See Exception 9f)
- 3) Smoke and other pollutants will not present a hazard to **any** public road, landing strip or navigable water.
- 4) Post someone to flag traffic if at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway
- 5) Keep fires downwind of or at least 300 feet (90 meters) away from any neighboring structure that contains sensitive receptors
- 6) Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise, end it the same day and no later than one hour before sunset, and make sure that a responsible party is present while the burn is active and fire is progressing. At the end of the burn, extinguish isolated residual fires or smoldering objects if the smoke they produce can be a nuisance or a traffic hazard.
- 7) **Don start burning** unless weather conditions are appropriate for smoke to dissipate. Winds of **at least** 6 miles per hour; no temperature inversions, and for you to be able to control the fire with winds **no faster than** 23 miles per hour.
- 8) **Don't burn** electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical waste, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber.
- 9) Exceptions to the rules for outdoor burning are:
 - a. Firefighter training
 - b. Fires for ceremony
 - c. Cooking
 - d. Warmth
 - e. Oil or hydrocarbon spills
 - f. Domestic waste (only when there is not an authorized waste disposal contractor for on-premises trash collection)
 - g. Diseased animal carcasses (only when this is the most effective means of controlling the spread of disease)
 - h. Crop residues for agricultural management when no practical alternative exists.

County burn ban: Counties have the statutory authority to impose burn bans for public health and safety. Individuals must comply with local regulations, including county burn bans, when local regulations are stricter than state regulations.

Notification: The local fire department must be notified prior to any type of controlled burning. If the fire department which responds to the area which you are burning in, cannot be directly contacted, notify the agency responsible for dispatching that fire department.

Dispatching Agencies:

Iowa Park Police Department dispatches: (940) 592-2181

Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department
Wichita West Volunteer Fire Department

Electra Police Department dispatches: (940) 495-2131

Electra Volunteer Fire Department
Kamay Volunteer Fire Department
Punkin Center Volunteer Fire Department

Burkburnett Police Department dispatches: (940) 569-2231

Burkburnett Volunteer Fire Department
Cameron Gardens Volunteer Fire Department
Wichita East Volunteer Fire Department