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Burn Ban Lifted

Travis County Commissioners Court lifted its order banning outdoor burning for unincorporated Travis County during the November 22, 2011 voting session.

Recent rainfall and a short term forecast of light wind and high humidity have created conditions which prompted Travis County Fire Marshal Hershel Lee to recommend that the ban on outdoor burning be lifted for one week. The matter will be brought back up for consideration in next week's Commissioners Court voting session.

Travis County Fire Marshal Hershel Lee would like to remind citizens that starting a fire and allowing that fire to get out of control and damage or destroy the property of another is a crime under the Texas Penal Code.

For those individuals that choose to burn, the following items should always be considered:

- Always notify the local fire department before beginning burning.
- Fires must be small enough to be manageable.
- Fires must be constantly attended by a competent adult.
- Fires must be at least 50 feet from any structure.
- A means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.

This lifting of the burn ban does not authorize burning any material that is prohibited from being burned by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Those materials include:

- Rubber materials
- Plastics
- Asphalt shingles
- Treated woods
- Etc

For information related to contacting your local fire department please contact Travis County Fire Marshal at 512-854-4621 or you can locate their phone number by clicking the link for "County Fire Departments" on Travis County Fire Marshal's web site.