



Waller County Fire Marshal's Office



Texas Burn Ban FAQs

1. What is a burn ban?

A burn ban is a temporary restriction on outdoor burning, enacted to reduce wildfire risk during dry or dangerous conditions. It can prohibit activities like burning brush, trash, or campfires.

2. Who enacts burn bans in Texas?

Burn bans are issued at the county level by the County Judge or Commissioners Court. The Texas A&M Forest Service maintains a statewide map of active burn bans. **This order from the Court applies to unincorporated Waller County. If you live within the City limits, please check with your local Fire Marshal or City Hall.**

3. What activities are typically prohibited?

- **Open burning of brush, trash, or debris**
- **Campfires and bonfires**
- **Use of burn barrels**
- **Land Clearing**

4. Can I still use a grill or smoker?

Yes, enclosed cooking devices like propane grills or smokers are allowed.

5. How do I know if my county is under a burn ban?

You can check the [Texas Burn Ban Map](#) maintained by the Texas Forest Service. Check the Waller County Emergency Management

Facebook page, County Web-Site, register for Waller County Code Red Alert System or call the Waller County Fire Marshal's Office at 979-826-7785.

6. What happens if I violate a burn ban?

Violations can result in:

- **Class C Misdemeanor (Fine up to \$500.00)**
- **Criminal charges for damage to other properties or persons**
- **Civil liability for damages**
- **Jail time (in severe cases)**

7. Why are burn bans issued?

Burn bans are enacted due to:

- **Drought conditions**
- **High winds**
- **Low humidity**
- **Increased wildfire risk**
- **Air quality concerns**

Please report burn ban violations to the Waller County Sheriff's Office at 979-826-8282, select the dispatch prompt.

Any questions or concerns reference the burn ban please contact the Waller County Fire Marshal's Office, 979-826-7785 or wcfmo@wallercounty.us