

**ORDER RESCINDING  
PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER 11-324  
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, a state of disaster was declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire; and

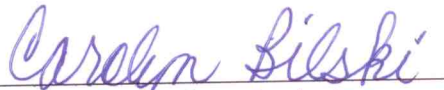
**WHEREAS**, rainfall countywide and the current weather conditions indicate disaster conditions no longer exist;

**BE IT ORDERED** that Commissioners Court Order 11-324 prohibiting outdoor burning is hereby rescinded. Citizens are urged to exercise extreme caution when burning as follows:

1. Choose safe burning site
2. Have water source and hose at hand
3. Do not leave fires unattended
4. Be sure fires are completely extinguished
5. Notify 865-3112 when starting any large fire

Postpone burning when conditions are windy and/or red flag advisory is issued.

Negligently allowing your fire to escape onto someone else's property is a Class C misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine up to \$500.



Carolyn Bilski, County Judge  
November 28, 2011

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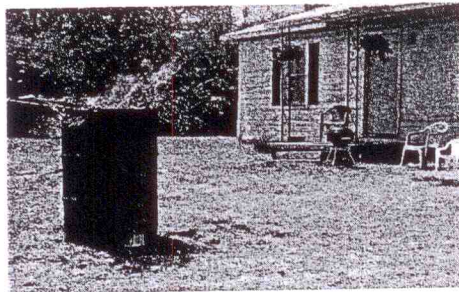
## Safety Tips

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# Learn ways you can help keep Texas safe from wildfires

Approximately 90% of wildfires in Texas are caused by people. Seemingly harmless things like outdoor grilling, dragging safety chains behind a trailer, welding and building campfires can accidentally start a dangerous wildfire.

### Use caution when:



### Burning debris

- Obey all local burn bans and restrictions.
- Postpone burning when conditions are dry or windy.
- Establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil.
- Never leave fire unattended.
- Keep water and hand tools nearby.

*Note: Escaped debris burning is the number one cause of wildfires in the State of Texas. Firefighters across the state cite inadequate fire breaks and failure to stay with outdoor fires as the two most common reasons for escaped fires.*

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