



Comal County

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County Judge

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At the suggestion of the U.S. Forest Service and the Comal County Fire Marshal, the burn ban for Comal County that has been in effect since March 17, 2009 for the unincorporated areas of the county will be lifted as of 2:30 p.m. today. This is a result of the rains received this weekend and the projections for more rain in the near future.

Even though the burn ban has been lifted it is very important that those who burn use extreme caution because of high grass and dry vegetation, and make sure that their burn(s) are kept under control and supervision at all times.

Citizens are no longer required to notify the County's Dispatch, however they are required to adhere to the General Requirements For Allowable Outdoor Burning set forth by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Failure to follow these rules result in a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$50,000, confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed 180 days, or both.

A copy of the rules can be found on the Comal County Fire Marshal's web page at www.co.comal.tx.us/Fire_Marshal.htm.

Effective 2:30 p.m., this Monday, the 27th day of April, 2009

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