

PRESS RELEASE - Comanche Co Burn Ban

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The Comanche County Board of Commissioners implemented a 30-day burn ban Monday morning due to extreme drought conditions and wildfire danger. Commissioners were adamant toward a "NO tolerance" policy against ALL fireworks, including public displays. The burn ban makes it a misdemeanor with a \$1,000 fine and/or jail up to one (1) year for violation of the burn ban.

Exceptions include the following;

- Construction projects using propane or other controlled-type burners need to have a water pumper on standby anytime the equipment is used near a grassy right of way.
- Welding, cutting torch or grinding activities for business are allowed, provided they are conducted over a non-combustible surface at least 10 feet wide and welding blankets or screens are used to cover the flammable vegetation; and 1) Wind speeds must be less than 20mph and 2) A fire watcher, other than the welder, is present at the site with a pressurized water or fire extinguisher.
- Campfires and bonfires are PROHIBITED. LPG, natural gas and charcoal outdoor cooking in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface AND at least five (5) feet from flammable vegetation.