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# Burn Ban in Effect in Brazoria County

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In response to escalating wildfire concerns caused by extremely dry vegetation and environmental conditions, and a recent outbreak of out of control wildfires, Brazoria County has issued an immediate burn ban for all unincorporated areas of the county.

The burn ban is a proactive measure designed to reduce the risk of wildfires that could ignite easily under current conditions and spread rapidly due to dry fuels and the potential for high winds.

Effective immediately, the burn ban prohibits all forms of outdoor burning, including but not limited to:

- Open fires
- Debris burning
- Controlled or prescribed burns

The ban applies to the burning of all combustible materials outside of a secured enclosure that effectively contains flames and sparks.

Permitted Activities:

- Enclosed BBQ pits and grills are allowed under the burn ban, provided they are used safely and attended at all times for cooking use only.

Prohibited Activities:

- Open flame fire pits and any outdoor burning that is not fully enclosed are strictly prohibited.

The Brazoria County Fire Marshal's Office will be monitoring conditions closely over the next 90 days. Should environmental conditions improve, County Judge Matt Sebesta retains the authority to lift the burn ban.

Brazoria County officials urge residents to take this ban seriously and remain vigilant, as even a small spark can quickly lead to a dangerous wildfire under current conditions. Public cooperation is essential to protecting lives, property, and natural resources.

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