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Brazoria County issues Burn Ban as dry conditions continue

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A countywide burn ban is now in effect for the unincorporated areas of Brazoria County due to persistent hot, dry conditions and the increasing threat of wildfires.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), a key indicator used to measure drought conditions and wildfire potential, has reached a countywide average of 576. The KBDI is expected to continue rising, further increasing the risk of wildfire throughout the county.

Effective immediately, all outdoor burning is prohibited, including open fires, debris burning, and controlled burns. The ban also prohibits burning combustible materials outside of an enclosure designed to fully contain flames and sparks.

Enclosed barbecue pits and grills may still be used; however, open-flame fire pits are strictly prohibited. Residents using permitted grills and barbecue pits should continue to exercise caution and never leave a fire unattended.

Violation of the burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

Brazoria County officials urge all residents to comply with the burn ban to help protect lives, property, and emergency responders. Weather conditions and KBDI levels will be closely monitored throughout the duration of the order.

If conditions improve and the countywide KBDI average remains below 450 for five consecutive days, County Judge L.M. “Matt” Sebesta Jr. has the authority to lift the burn ban.

Updates regarding the burn ban will be posted on the official Brazoria County website at www.brazoriacountytx.gov (<http://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/>).

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