

Burn Ban Rules

Under the current burn ban no outdoor burning is permitted with the following exceptions:

- All outdoor fires, including fires contained in a container or semi-enclosure, such as a barrel or hopper. (It does not include grills, barbeques, or smokers which are used to cook food and are fully covered and attended). Open grills, barbeques or smokers are prohibited
- Welding:
- There is no exception for welders on Red Flag days
- Welding inside a welder's tent (a.k.a. welding hooch) is permitted, even on red flag days, because it is not considered "outdoors."
- May not weld, cut, grind, etc within 10 feet of combustibles. A barrier, such as a tarp that is not ignited by the welding activity, may be used to shield sparks from grass and foliage to create a non-ignitable surface within a ten foot radius of the welding or related activity.
- Must have a dedicated spotter on "fire-watch" during the activity; the spotter may not be given other work to do.
- Must have fire extinguishing equipment (garden hose, fire extinguisher, shovel, etc) readily available. Specifically this must include as a minimum:
 - a) A 2A-20BC fire extinguisher, kept within 30 feet of any outdoor welding activity: AND
 - b) An individual to serve as a "fire Monitor" during all welding activities with the monitor remaining on scene for a minimum of 30 minutes after cessation of any outdoor welding activity. This means it must be at the site of the activity; not on the truck, at the house, in the shop, etc.
- The exercise of this exception does not relieve those engaged in the above activities from criminal or civil responsibilities as the result of a fire. It is assumed that a fire that results from the above activity is a violation of this order.
- The county burn ban only applies to unincorporated McLennan County. It does not apply to incorporated cities, the federal grasslands, or other publicly owned land. However, the federal grasslands have a total fire prohibition, and McLennan County Park only allows gas grills and camp stoves.


Please let me know if you have any other question. Thanks for the help.

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APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT
THIS 31 DAY OF MARCH 2015

COUNTY JUDGE