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Press Release

Wise County is Under a Ban on Outdoor Burning

Today, August 24, 2020 the Wise County Commissioner's Court approved an Outdoor Burning Ban for Wise County.

This Outdoor Burning Ban will be in place for the next 90 days.

Wise County is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to the dry grass conditions and the lack of significant rainfall, and that the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in the County to therefore, all outdoor burning in Wise County is PROHIBITED.

There are exceptions for outdoor cooking and welding, for information on outdoor cooking and outdoor welding guidelines you can go to www.co.wise.tx.us and click on the Burn Ban link under News Flash.

A violation of the Court Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning is a class C Misdemeanor and punishable of a fine up to \$500.00., and can be enforced by any commissioned peace officer.

.We urge all residents of Wise County to help us during this time.

For our residents in the rural areas, we strongly suggest that you make sure that you keep an area of about 30 feet mowed around your home and out buildings to prevent a fire from reaching your structures.

We encourage all Wise County residents to BE SAFE, WORK SMART, and BE WISE

Jeff Doughty
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