



COMAL COUNTY

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Burn ban to take effect Friday morning

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NEW BRAUNFELS — After a week’s reprieve, Comal County’s ban on outdoor burning will be reinstated starting 6 a.m. Friday, August 5.

Last week’s rains lowered the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for several days, but on Wednesday it again reached 500, the threshold at which the Commissioners Court typically considers implementing a burn ban. Every 100 points of the KBDI is roughly equivalent to an inch of dry soil depth.

Under the restrictions, no open flames are allowed outdoors – including trash burning, campfires and torches, among others. Residents may barbecue with an open flame if the grill has a lid and is set off the ground. Welders are encouraged to use a spotter for any outdoor welding and to keep a water source nearby.

Since the burn ban was lifted last Thursday, 10 uncontrolled fires have been reported in Comal County, Klabunde said.

“As we expected, a week of hot and dry weather has increased the fire danger to where restricting outdoor burning is necessary for the safety of our residents,” said county Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde. “We appreciate everyone’s patience and cooperation.”

More information is available on the Fire Marshal Office’s webpage, mycomalcounty.com/Fire_Marshal.htm, and Facebook page, facebook.com/ComalCountyFireMarshalsOffice.

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