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## **County burn ban lifted**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Outdoor burning is once again allowed after County Judge Sherman Krause lifted the Comal County burn ban this morning.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) on Monday dropped below 500, the threshold at which burn bans in Comal County are typically implemented. Every 100 points of the KBDI is roughly equivalent to an inch of dry soil depth. The countywide average KBDI as of Monday is 408, although western portions of the county are drier.

“Some much-needed rain has again made conditions safer for outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the county,” said Comal County Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde. “As occurred earlier this summer, we will ask the Commissioners Court to reinstate the burn ban if the weather heats back up and dries out the vegetation.”

Residents conducting burns on their property are encouraged to use caution and have a water source nearby, Klabunde said.

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