

The Comanche County Board of Commissioners implemented a 30-day burn ban, as of 27 Jun 2011, due to extreme drought conditions and wildfire danger. Commissioners were adamant toward a "NO tolerance" policy against ALL Fireworks including public displays. The burn ban makes it a misdemeanor with a \$1,000 fine and / or up to one (1) year for violation of the burn ban.

Exceptions include the following:

Construction projects using propane or other controlled-type burners need to have a water pumper on standby anytime the equipment is used near a grassy right of way.

Welding, cutting torch or grinding activities for business are allowed, provided they are conducted over a non-combustible surface at least 10 feet wide and welding blankets or screens are used to cover the flammable vegetation; and 1) Wind speeds must be less than 20 mph and 2) A fire watcher, other than the welder, is present at the site with a pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

Campfires and bonfires are PROHIBITED. LPG, natural gas and charcoal outdoor cooking in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface AND at least five (5) feet from flammable vegetation.

In conjunction with the Comanche County 30-day burn ban, the Garrison Commander would like to re-iterate that all Fort Sill personnel residing on Fort Sill or within the county adhere to the 30-day burn ban.

- 1) All Hot Work must be approved by the Fort Sill Fire Dept with the following restrictions:
 - a. Construction projects using propane or other controlled-type burners need to have a fire truck on standby anytime the equipment is used near a grassy right of way.
 - b. Welding, cutting torch or grinding activities are allowed, provided Fort Sill or within the county adhere to the 30-day burn ban.
- 2) Campfires and bonfires are PROHIBITED. Liquid Propane Gas (LPG), natural gas, and charcoal outdoor cooking in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface AND at least five (5) feet from flammable vegetation.

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