

City Burn Ban

The City of Rockwall has issued an ordinance extending the county's outdoor **Burn Ban** into the City Limits to help prevent wildfires.

The ban prohibits outdoor fires of any kind including campfires and fires in backyard fire pits.

Gas, briquette or pellet-type barbecues and outdoor fireplaces with spark arresters on the flues and a spark screen covering all openings can still be used – but officials warn residents that **extreme caution** should be used.

The small amount of rain recorded should not entice people to think there is no need for caution in outdoor burning.

The ban will be strictly enforced. Violation of the ban is a Class "C" misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine. Please remember that you are responsible for any damage caused by a fire you start. Recklessly allowing your fire to cause injury or death to another person is a felony offense punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and a prison term of more than two years.

Please remember to:

- Have a fire extinguisher, garden hose or other method of fire control readily available;
- Have an adult supervise a barbecue and/or fireplace at all times, and be sure the fire is completely extinguished before the device is left unsupervised;
- Do not locate barbecues and approved outdoor fireplaces or operate on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction – except for one and two-family dwellings and/or where buildings and decks are protected by an automated sprinkler system.
- Be sure coals/ashes are completely cooled with water before disposing of them.