

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**POLK COUNTY EXTENDS BURN BAN
AND BURNING IN AN ENCLOSURE IS NOW PROHIBITED**

Be aware that, although we received some rainfall in the County over the past couple of weeks, it was not enough to alleviate drought and fire weather conditions.

This morning in a Special Session the Polk County Commissioners Court extended the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning. Be aware that under this extended Order burning in an enclosure or burn barrel is now prohibited. Law enforcement has been and will continue to issue citations to persons that violate the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning. The Court will discuss the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning again on October 10, 2023.

The Court also continued the Declaration of Disaster due to the threat of wildfire for an additional thirty (30) days.

View Commissioners Court Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning:
https://polkcountyoem.com/page/public_notices.

Please remain vigilant and prepared should a wildfire occur near your home or workplace. Residents are encouraged to prepare a go-bag should you need to evacuate. Plan evacuation routes, and know where you will go to seek shelter and safety.

Know how to obtain information:

- Follow us on Facebook for notifications and updates.
- Visit our website www.PolkCountyOEM.com for information.
- Register for AlertMePolkCounty to receive emergency alerts from OEM, by visiting <https://polk.genasys.com/portal/en>.