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## **Fort Bend County Lifts Burn Ban**

**(FORT BEND, TX)** - Due to a decrease in high temperatures, an increase in rain, and a significant drop in points on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) over the past week, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has rescinded the burn ban that the Court imposed on June 21, 2022.

Under the recommendation of the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal, County Commissioners lifted the ban on August 23, 2022. Fort Bend County First Responders have been advised to follow the guidelines of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for outdoor burning, which include the following:

1. No fire can be left unattended
2. There must be some form of fire protection on-site, hose, fire extinguisher, shovels/rakes, bulldozer, etc.
3. No fire should be within 50 feet of a residence or structure
4. No burning at night

The average KBDI index for Fort Bend County was 381, on an index between 42 at minimum and 602 at maximum. Some parts of the county have not gotten much rain, so citizens are encouraged to use extreme caution when burning.

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