



July 4th Fire Danger

Talking Points

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- Most of Oklahoma is in “exceptional drought” with forecast of temperatures over 100 degrees through the holiday weekend
- Rainfall received last couple of days was NOT enough to alleviate the situation
- Burn bans are in place for almost half of Oklahoma's 77 counties
- As Oklahomans enjoy the July 4th weekend with traditional activities like outdoor grilling, campfires and fireworks we hope everyone will use caution to avoid accidentally starting a wildfire
- The use of fireworks is prohibited in many cities and all Oklahoma State Parks.
- Citizens wanting specific information regarding restrictions in their area should call their county or city officials.
- Visit OFS website www.forestry.ok.gov for a complete list of county burn bans and links to each commissioner's resolution as each county has unique and varied restrictions.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Don't light fireworks near dry grass and brush.
- Keep fireworks away from homes and structures, which can be accidentally ignited.
- Keep a hose, bucket of water and wet towels nearby to extinguish small fires.
- Dispose of used fireworks in a bucket of water.

Grilling & Campfire Safety Tips

- Use propane stove or barbecue grill instead of an open fire when it's hot, dry and windy.
- Place grills over bare dirt or other fire resistant surfaces – away from dead grass and weeds.
- Never transport a barbecue pit or grill with live coals.
- Build campfires in open area away from trees and overhanging branches.
- Utilize designated fire rings whenever possible.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Completely extinguish the fire with water before leaving it.