

State Burn Ban Will Expire Wednesday, June 4

Governor Mary Fallin Urges County Commissioners to Issue Local Burn Bans if Appropriate

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The burn ban issued by Governor Mary Fallin on May 5 covering 36 counties (see attached map) is set to expire this coming Wednesday, June 4. Due to the significant rain fall received in some areas of the state over the last week, the governor does not expect to renew that burn ban for any county. However, many areas of the state remain in conditions of extreme drought (see more: <http://www.owrb.ok.gov/drought/>). County Commissioners in all 77 counties have the authority to declare countywide burn bans should conditions warrant.

"Thankfully, many parts of Oklahoma have received rain over the last several days," Fallin said. "That helps to mitigate the danger of wildfires and is certainly good news for our farmers and ranchers as well as our lakeside communities.

"We must, however, remain vigilant against the threat of wildfires. Many parts of the state are still extremely dry and expected to be so for some time. County Commissioners should take all appropriate steps to protect their communities. If they feel a countywide burn ban is appropriate, they should issue one immediately after the state burn ban expires."

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