



**PRESS RELEASE FROM JUDGE JOHN FIRTH  
CORYELL COUNTY**

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**CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY LIFTING OF BURN BAN FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF  
CORYELL COUNTY THROUGH 6:00 P.M. ON MARCH 22, 2009**

**GATESVILLE, TEXAS** – Given the rain over the past week, the temporary lifting of the burn ban for unincorporated areas of Coryell County is continued until 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 22nd, 2009.

Although a State proclamation of extreme fire hazard remains in effect for much of Texas, the rain received in Coryell County has significantly lowered the risk of wildfires. Extending the temporary lifting of the burn ban will allow property owners to conduct much needed controlled burns in a relatively safe environment. This will allow clearing of brush and other fire sources which will reduce the wildfire threat this summer during the normal drought period.

Citizens are reminded that all outdoor burning is required to comply with the State Outdoor Burning Rule, Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, sections 111.201 through 111.221 and the Texas Commission Environmental Quality guidance, RG-049 dated February 2005.

Citizens are especially encouraged to carefully monitor controlled burns and to limit active burn hours to the daylight hours of one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset as stated in TCEQ rules and to contact the Sheriff's Office before conducting controlled burns.

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