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County burn ban lifted

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Outdoor burning in unincorporated Comal County is once again allowed after County Judge Sherman Krause lifted the burn ban this morning.

On Sunday the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), which measures soil dryness, dropped below 500, the threshold at which the burn bans are typically implemented. As of 10 a.m., it had fallen to 199.

“The recent rains from Hurricane Harvey provided enough moisture to make outdoor burning safer,” said Comal County Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde. “However, state law does not allow burning when winds are over 23 mph, so it’s likely that residents will have to wait another day or two before they can light outdoor fires.”

Residents conducting burns on their property are encouraged to use caution and have a water source nearby, Klabunde said.

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