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Burn ban reinstated for Friday morning

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NEW BRAUNFELS — An unusually dry fall has led Commissioners Court to reinstate Comal County’s ban on outdoor burning, effective 6 a.m. Friday.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) as of Wednesday stood at 498, just shy of the 500-point threshold at which the court typically considers implementing a burn ban. Every 100 points of the KBDI is roughly equivalent to an inch of dry soil depth.

Under the restrictions, no open flames are allowed outdoors – including trash burning, campfires and torches, among others. Residents may cook outdoors with an open flame if the barbecue grill has a lid and is set off the ground. Welders are encouraged to use a spotter for any outdoor welding and to keep a water source nearby.

“We’ve had some rain since the burn ban was lifted in October, but not enough to keep the ground from drying out,” said county Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde. “With a large fuel load on the ground and low humidity, the risk for uncontrolled fires is high, especially on windy days.”

The order banning outdoor burning lasts for 90 days. More information is available on the Fire Marshal Office’s webpage, mycomalcounty.com/Fire_Marshal.htm, and Facebook page, facebook.com/ComalCountyFireMarshalsOffice.

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