

County of Nueces



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County Judge
Nueces County Courthouse, Room 303
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Commissioner
Precinct 4

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county and the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the county creates a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Nueces County that all outdoor burning, including beach bonfires, is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for **60 days from the date of adoption of this Order**, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances requiring the Order no longer exist.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.047.

Household trash burning is permitted only in cases where trash pickup services are unavailable. In such instances, individuals may burn household trash in an enclosed container, such as a metal barrel, equipped with a spark and flame-arresting screen. Non-commercial cooking activities, such as backyard cookouts and barbecues, are still allowed. Outdoor welding and other "hot work" activities must adhere to fire code regulations.

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

CONNIE SCOTT, County Judge



Attest:

KARA SANDS, County Clerk



CONNIE SCOTT
NUECES COUNTY JUDGE

January 28, 2026

Nueces County has issued a Burn Ban Order effective immediately for the unincorporated areas of Nueces County.

The Order prohibits all outdoor burning, to include beach bonfires, in the unincorporated areas of the County for 60 days, unless the County Judge rescinds the restrictions earlier based on a finding that the circumstances requiring the Order no longer exist.

Household trash burning is allowed ONLY if trash pickup is not available. If trash pickup is not available, an enclosed container such as a metal barrel may be used only if it has a spark and flame-arresting screen over the top of the container. Non-commercial cooking activities like backyard cookouts and barbecues are still permitted. Outdoor welding and other "hot work" must comply with fire code requirements.

This Order is adopted under Texas Local Government Code §352-081(d) and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for 1) Firefighting training; 2) Public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; 3) Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or 4) Burns that are conducted by a certified and insured prescribed burn manager under Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meets the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.

Under Texas Local Government Code §352.081(h), a knowing or intentional violation of the court's order prohibiting or restricting outdoor burning is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Scott".

Judge Connie Scott
Nueces County, Texas