

Burn Bans in Oklahoma

In the past, the Oklahoma Governor was the only person that could issue a burn ban. This power has recently been extended to include all County Commissioners across the state.

The county-issued burn ban is issued by County Commissioners of each county, a county ban is in effect for seven days, and a county ban is in response to short term burning conditions over a more localized area.

The Governor/state issued burn ban supersedes county burn bans. It is in effect until cancelled by the governor.

Both a Governor/state and county burn ban make it illegal to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other wild lands, build a campfire, bonfire or burn trash.

To check to see if you are in a burn ban area, start at <http://agweather.mesonet.org>, click on "range/forest" then click "burn ban information", choose "Oklahoma Burn Ban info" select "burn ban in effect".