

Prescribed Burn

Use of prescribed fire is an excellent tool when used correctly to control brush and weeds on woodlands and range, to enhance wildlife production, enhance stocker cattle gains and to reduce the risk of wildfires.

To insure a safe prescribed fire, follow these guidelines:

- Relative humidity should be between 30 and 60 percent.
- Wind speeds should be less than 10 miles per hour.
- Consider possible sensitive areas downwind (roads, hospitals and neighborhoods).
- Make sure no major wind shifts are expected during the course of the burn.
- If possible, disk a then foot buffer around your burn area.
- Contact your local Sheriff's Department and your local Fire Department to report your planned burn.

An excellent source for weather information prior to your prescribed burn is <http://weather.mesonet.org> to link to their weather section. At the same site, go to the Range/Forest link for burn ban information.

For your protection, it is a good plan to make a prescribed burning notification plan. In your plan include the following information:

- Name and telephone number
- Mailing Address
- Description of the area to be burned.
- Approximate acreage
- Contact Information
- Rural Fire Department, name, location and phone number,.
- Forestry district office.
- Adjoining land owners.

File a copy of your plan with your local fire department. If you are burning within a protection area, file a copy with the forestry division nearest the land to be burned.

For information on how to conduct a safe prescribed burn, contact the Tulsa County Extension Center 9918)746-3725.