



## Parker County Office of Emergency Services Outdoor Burning During A Burn Ban

### Q # 1 Can I burn my household trash during a burn ban?

(1) Domestic wastes that normally result from the function of life within a residence—for example, kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves, and branch trimmings, may be burned in compliance with the following requirements creating a controlled environment and safeguards on each day performed:

- (a) Such material is **wholly enclosed in a single receptacle** adequate to completely contain all such flames and/or sparks.
- (b) Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise, end it the same day and no later than one hour before sunset
- (c) **A responsible party is present while the burn is active.**
- (d) Area near burn must be clear of vegetation and/or combustible materials or debris.
- (e) Adequate fire suppression equipment in the form of either a properly operating fire extinguisher or water

Hose attached to a constant supply will suffice for this requirement.

**No domestic waste burning is allowed on days designated as Red Flag Warning Days by the National Weather Service. Such things as tires, construction debris, furniture, carpet, electrical wire, and appliances are not considered to be domestic waste and cannot be burned.**

### Q # 2 What requirements must be met when welding?

Welding IS permitted during a burn ban only if the following requirements are fully met:

- (a) An additional responsible person designated as a fire watcher who remains at all times within 100 feet of any welding, grinding, cutting, or any other activity that emits a spark and who remains on the scene of any such activity for a minimum of 30 minutes after cessation of any outdoor welding, grinding, cutting, or other activity that emits a spark;
- (b) Each location where outdoor welding, cutting or grinding operations are being performed must have cellular telephone communications for emergency response;
- (c) Adequate fire suppression equipment which must include, at a minimum, either a properly operating 2A-20BC fire extinguisher, kept within 30 feet of any outdoor welding, grinding, cutting, or other activity that emits a spark or a water hose connected to a continuous water source under pressure with sufficient length of hose to reach at least 100 feet beyond any welding, grinding, cutting or activity that emits a spark.

**No outdoor welding, cutting or grinding operations is allowed on days designated as Red Flag Warning Days by the National Weather Service.**

### Q # 3 Can I cook out during a burn ban?

(2) Outdoor Cooking IS allowed with the restrictions listed below:

- (a) The cooking device is propane, natural gas, wood or charcoal and has a complete and full enclosure that is utilized at all times.
- (b) The cooking device shall be clear of vegetation and/or combustible materials or debris.
- (c) Adequate fire suppression equipment in the form of either a properly operating fire extinguisher or water hose attached to a constant supply will suffice for this requirement

### Q # 4 Are fireworks allowed during a burn ban?

Detonation of Fireworks are permitted during a burn ban, however, the party detonating the fireworks assumes full responsibility for any and all damage(s) that may occur.