

Press Release

Restrictions on Residential Burning of Limbs and Leaves lifted in unincorporated Montgomery County

All other outdoor burning restricted year round by State Law and Air Quality regulations. Garbage or refuse burning prohibited by State Law, citations issued for violations.

Conroe, Tx August 26, 2009: Montgomery County is currently receiving much needed rainfall throughout the area. Although we are still below our normal precipitation levels, conditions will allow the lifting of the ban on residential burning of leaves and small limbs. Residents in unincorporated areas may be able to burn limbs and leaves, as long as it does not create a nuisance situation.

The lifting of the burn ban does not authorize burning that violates State law or air quality rules. In general residential garbage burning and all commercial burning is prohibited year round. Refuse burning near a neighborhood or on less than 5 acres is a Class C Misdemeanor, and violators can be fined up to \$500 per occurrence.

The following is a general overview of outdoor burning rules and regulations.

1. Only small limbs (less than 2" diameter) and leaves may be burned in neighborhoods, and the burning may not create a nuisance situation for another neighbor.
2. No business may burn waste or refuse at any time
3. Surface burning of land clearing debris is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and is generally not allowed.
4. Refuse or household trash may not be burned in or near a neighborhood.
5. Refuse or household trash may not be burned on rural property less than 5 acres.

For more information go to our website at www.mctx.org/fire and select the outdoor burning tab

For more information about TCEQ air quality regulations go to their website and search "outdoor burning"