



Fire Safety Tips for Rural Residents

- Don't do burning of any kind during a burn ban; violation is punishable by law. Check with local fire officials on status of bans.
- Don't park or drive vehicles (including farming equipment or ATVs) in dry grass, as it can start a fire.
- Watch out for sparks from rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.
- Monitor hay-baling operations closely; dry hay can ignite within the baler.
- Be sure tow chains don't drag on the ground.
- Extinguish smoking materials properly.
- Use your bbq grill over cement or dirt; be sure coals are dead out when you're through (douse them thoroughly with water).
- Create a space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings free from debris and keep grass mowed.
- Install fine-gage screens in attic vents and turbines.
- Install fine-gage screen under decks and porches, and establish a barrier with pea gravel or other material around them.
- Store flammable liquids properly.
- Clear area under electric fences and around heat sources.
- Store wood piles at least 30 feet from your home.
- Establish fuel breaks (fire lanes) along fences, roadways, and between buildings and fields.
- When welding, be sure your work area is free of grass and debris, have a spotter with you and a water source handy.
- Be sure your address is clearly visible from the road.

Give our firefighters a break: pull over for emergency vehicles!

If you see a fire, please call 9-1-1 immediately

For more information on fire related issues: www.tamu.edu/ticc.

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