

# Outdoor Burning

## There is NO active burn ban in effect for Tarrant County

### City of Crowley Outdoor Burning

#### Requirements: (when there is no burn ban in effect)

- The ONLY burning that is allowed in the City of Crowley is in a fire pit.
- In addition to the guidelines set forth below by Tarrant County, the following must be followed:
  - Shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure, combustible material, or property line
  - Wood burning fire pits must have a maximum burn bowl (interior part) diameter of 36 inches and height of 24 inches.
  - Commercially available portable outdoor fire pits must be used with a screen in place during burning
  - Barrels are not allowed for burning
  - Burning of any kind on the ground is PROHIBITED
  - Burning of leaves, large tree limbs, sawn lumber, construction material, trash, or other household debris is PROHIBITED
  - Fire must be under direct supervision of a responsible adult at ALL times
  - Keep a water source and/or fire extinguisher nearby.
- Any Fire Officer of the Crowley Fire Department has the authority to extinguish any fire that they feel constitutes a potential safety hazard.

### Unincorporated Tarrant County Outdoor Burning Requirements: (when there is no burn ban in effect)

- Contact the Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center at (817) 232-9800 on the day you plan to burn to register your address and to confirm if burning is allowed.
- NO burning if wind speeds (either consistent or gusts) are greater than 23 mph



OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE  
TIM O'HARE

July 20, 2023

#### DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR TARRANT COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Tarrant on the 20th day of July, 2023 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to drought; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Tarrant County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TARRANT COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration, but shall expire on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. This Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. This Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Tarrant County Emergency Plan pursuant to Chapter 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, ORDERED THIS THE 20th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

  
Tim O'Hare  
County Judge

- The party responsible for the burn must always be present and remains liable for all damages.
- Have a cell phone and water available.
- Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise and end the same day no later than one hour before sunset - NO BURNING AT NIGHT
- Make sure the smoke does not blow towards a neighbor's house or onto a road.
- The burn must be downwind and at least 300 feet from structures on adjacent properties.
- Only burn brush, tree limbs, grass clippings, or leaves. The material MUST be generated from the property.
  - NO hauling in material to burn
  - NO burning of construction material, heavy oils, or chemical wastes
- To conduct prescribed burns, you must contact the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office at (817) 884-1315 for approval and permits