

River Ridge Ranch Property Owners Association

SUGGESTIONS FOR BURNING

The most important point to remember with brush burning is that the area immediately adjacent to the piles should be clear of burnable material and the pile should not be under a tree canopy that will be exposed to heat from the fire.

Piles should be kept small. The burning should be carried out when ground moisture and wildfire burning conditions are generally most favorable for safe burning.

The landowner should pay careful attention to the predicted weather. Increases in wind speed or changes in wind direction are usually the biggest problem. As the brush piles often have considerable soil mixed in with the brush, these piles often burn for days.

Never use gasoline or any other highly flammable liquid to start a fire. Burning large piles of brush causes deep heat penetration into the ground. When this occurs over an area with stumps, fires can rekindle in the stump days after the open fire appears to be out.

Guidelines:

- Never burn during a Bell County Burn Ban
- Only burn after recent rains and the wind speed is under 10 mph w/o gusts
- Notify SW Bell Co Fire Dept (254-526-4500) and neighboring property owners of the intent to burn
- Ask the POA for assistance in monitoring the burn
- Be sure to have plenty of clear space around the burn pile
- Mow or clear grass around burn pile
- Have a supply of water to extinguish any unwanted burning
- Only use diesel fuel to ignite burn pile, NEVER use gasoline
- Always monitor the fire; NEVER leave until the fire is completely extinguished
- After the fire appears to be extinguished, separate the ashes and add water to reduce pent-up heat