

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**POLK COUNTY RECEIVED RAINFALL....BUT
A BURN BAN IS STILL IN EFFECT**

Thanks to the quick action of responders yesterday, homes were saved from a fire in the Corrigan area.

Be aware that, although we received some rainfall in the County, it was not enough to alleviate drought and fire weather conditions. **Polk County remains under a Burn Ban until it is lifted by the Polk County Commissioners Court.** Law enforcement has been issuing citations to persons that violate the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning.

View Commissioners Court Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning:
https://polkcountyoem.com/page/public_notices.

Please remain vigilant and prepared should a wildfire occur near your home or workplace. Residents are encouraged to prepare a go-bag should you need to evacuate. Plan evacuation routes, and know where you will go to seek shelter and safety.

Know how to obtain information:

- Follow us on Facebook for notifications and updates.
- Visit our website www.PolkCountyOEM.com for information.
- Register for AlertMePolkCounty to receive emergency alerts from OEM, by visiting <https://polk.genasys.com/portal/en>.

For more information on Wildfire Tips see below:

Prepare for Wildfires:

1. Inform everyone in your household about the evacuation plan.
2. Update important documents and store copies securely online.
3. Ensure insurance policies and IDs are current.
4. Locate an outdoor water source with a long hose.
5. Create a 30-foot fire-resistant zone around your home.
6. Practice evacuation routes with family and pets.
7. Decide on a safe evacuation location.
8. Keep your vehicle fueled and ready for quick departure.
9. Follow local authorities' instructions and safety guidelines.
10. Prepare a go-bag with ample supplies, including a first aid kit.

11. Gradually stock up on essentials to minimize shopping trips.
12. Handle flammable household products with care.
13. Keep your cell phone charged and have backup charging devices.

Wildfire Response Tips:

1. Pay attention to emergency alerts and notifications for information and instructions.
2. Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to do so.
3. Check local authorities' updates for public shelter information.
4. Consider sheltering with friends or family for safety and comfort.
5. If trapped, call 9-1-1, turn on lights to signal rescuers.
6. Use an N95 mask to limit smoke exposure.