

PRESS RELEASE
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**IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY BAN ON OPEN BURNING
IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN**

The City of Franklin Fire Chief, James Martins, has issued an immediate ban on open burning in the City of Franklin.

Due to extremely dry conditions and the potential for high winds currently in the Franklin area, the Fire Chief is placing a ban on all open burning until further notice. The ban will remain in place until a significant amount of rain has fallen to reduce the hazardous conditions.

The ban applies to all individuals, including those holding a valid "Franklin Burning Permit." Open burning always requires a permit, which permit is generally valid from April 1 to June 15 and October 15 to November 30. The Fire Chief, however, may ban burning in the event of hazardous conditions such as those the City is currently experiencing.

Individuals may call the City Clerk's Office at 414-425-7500 or the Fire Department at 414-425-1420 with questions concerning the continuation of the ban or to ask if the ban has been lifted.

For additional information on this press release, please contact the Fire Department at 414-425-1420.