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Dear Members of the Canyon Ridge Springs POA:

Canyon Ridge Springs is a recognized Firewise Community. As a Firewise Community, we need to establish local solutions to wildfire preparedness goals. As a Firewise Communities/USA site, we must create and implement a local plan and we are required to continue regular maintenance and education to retain recognition status.

Outdoor burning in Texas is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and various Texas Health and Safety Codes. As a Firewise Community, we need to adhere to the regulations, as well as our State and County laws.

Attached are updated CRS outdoor burning policies. These policies are being implemented to keep the neighborhood fire safe when a larger outdoor burn is being done and are not intended to prevent any campfires or burning in an outdoor fireplace or fire pit.

When burning, please be aware of the following:

- Texas Law holds the outdoor burner responsible for any damage that results from his fire, whether it complies with or does not comply with the TCEQ regulations. Property owners, who employ contractors to clear their lot are responsible for any damage caused by a fire started by the contractors. Please be sure your contractor has a copy of the attached guidelines.
- TCEQ Regulations give a local fire department the discretion to determine whether a fire follows State Law and to determine if a fire poses any threat to health and safety. Violators may be fined up to \$25,000 per day per violation. TCEQ is aggressive in enforcement of these laws and regulations and all fire departments in Burnet and Travis counties report uncooperative violators.
- Once called to a scene, the fire department will not share in the liability of an outdoor burn. It is the department's policy is to extinguish nearly all fires for which it has received a complaint, even if TCEQ regulations are being met. If the department does not extinguish a fire, that shall not be construed as an endorsement of the outdoor burner's activity.
- Fire departments can charge for being called to an address for an outdoor burn in noncompliance. At the department's discretion, the responsible party may be billed for the actual cost to extinguish the fire which can easily reach into the thousands of dollars. Burn with care.

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- As an alternative to burning, there are various sizes of mulchers/chippers that can be rented in Marble Falls, Burnet, and Liberty Hill to convert the brush into mulch for a garden or erosion-prone areas.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Very truly yours,

Larry Wright
President, Canyon Ridge Springs POA Board

cc: Board of Directors, Canyon Ridge Springs POA

Al Garcia, Chairperson, Firewise

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**OUTDOOR BURN GUIDELINES
FOR CANYON RIDGE SPRINGS**
A Recognized Firewise Community
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When conducting an outdoor burn please comply with the following:

1. **BURN SITE INSPECTION.** Prior to your first outdoor burn, please contact the CRS Board at poa@canyonridgesprings.info for an inspection of your proposed burn site to insure there is adequate clearing to accommodate the intended burn.
2. **CONTACT LOCAL SHERIFF/POA BOARD.** In advance of your controlled outdoor burn please contact your county's sheriff's office:
 - Burnet County Sheriff 512-756-8080
 - Travis County Sheriff 512-272-4502
 - If you do not reside on your lot, please contact the CRS POA Board in advance each time you do an outdoor burning at poa@canyonridgesprings.info.
3. **BURN BAN POLICY.** Per Canyon Ridge Springs policy, both Burnet and Travis counties must not be in a burn ban.
4. **BURNING HOURS.** Burning may commence no earlier than an hour after sunrise and must be completed no later than one hour before sunset. Please note that burning outside of these hours is against the law in Burnet and Travis counties.
5. **WIND.** You may not burn on windy days. Burn only when the wind speed is less than 15 mph. Also, please note that burning is not recommended during periods of actual or predicted "low level atmospheric temperature inversions" or if thunderstorm is likely. Many people think if rain is predicted, that is a good time to burn, but it is not safe if a sudden strong wind develops.
6. **AUTHORIZED BURN MATERIALS.** You may burn brush, leaves, and untreated lumber – any natural product – generated on your land. You MAY NOT burn electrical insulation, treated or painted lumber, plastics, rubber products, shingles, insulation, paints, oils, etc., or any materials that are brought on to your lot.
7. **BURN SITE REQUIREMENTS.**
 - Your fire must be 300 feet from the nearest property that has structure(s) containing people, animals, or vegetation unless you have permission from the owner. Please note that if your fire smoke is responsible for a health problem of another person, you may be responsible, by law, for any cost required for treatment of the problem.

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- The immediate area around and above the burn site should be free of debris, brush, overhanging limbs and other combustibles.
- You must have water onsite and ready to use – your water hose needs to reach past the burn piles. In addition to water, you should have a shovel, rake or other equipment available and ready to use.
- The fire must be attended at all times and must be out cold (no visible flames, glowing coals or smoke) 1 hour before sunset.
- Burn piles are limited to 10' x 10'.
- If you are having a contractor conduct your burn, please make sure they have a copy of these guidelines.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES AND HAVE A SAFE CONTROLLED BURN.

Thank you,

Canyon Ridge Springs POA Board

cc: Canyon Ridge Springs POA Members

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