

PRESCRIBED BURN PERMITTING INFORMATION

- **Prescribed Burn Permits are required only when a Burn Ban is in effect.** Burn Ban status may be checked online at www.co.washington.tx.us or by calling **(979) 277-6200 ext. 120**. **The landowner should contact the Washington County Environmental Department** to receive information on prescribed burn permitting procedures, and to obtain a permit application. Permit applications are not available online or from any other source. This is intended to inform the landowner of their responsibilities. The permit application fee is \$25, and is non-refundable. Permit applications expire one year from the date of application if authorization has not been issued during that time.
- The proposed prescribed burn **may not be conducted until after written authorization has been issued from this office.**
- **Contact information** for all persons that is required on the application must be provided, including phone numbers.
- A **map and written directions** identifying the subject property (burn location) must be provided.
- **GPS Coordinates** for the subject property (burn location) must be provided.
- **Gate Code(s)** for the subject property (burn location) must be provided – or – If there is no gate and/or lock it must be so indicated.
- The landowner or lessee of the prescribed burn property **must demonstrate financial responsibility** by submitting proof of liability insurance covering prescribed burning in an amount of not less than \$500,000.
- **Prescribed Burn Plans** must be in writing and prepared and reviewed by an appropriately trained and experienced person associated with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, South Central Texas Prescribed Burn Association, Texas Agri-Life Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and **the reviewer must certify** that to the best of their knowledge it meets the criteria necessary to safely conduct a prescribed burn if followed correctly **by signing the permit application.**
- The prescribed burn **must be conducted under the supervision of a burn boss/manager**, who is qualified to act as such by the organization that prepared and/or reviewed the burn plan.

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