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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 facilitate local solutions to wildfire preparedness goals. The Firewise Communities/USA program recognizes communities for working together to protect residents and property from fire in the wildland/urban interface. To continue to be recognized as a Firewise Communities/USA site, we must create and implement a local plan with cooperative assistance from state forestry agencies and local fire staff. In addition, 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. Some of the information given on this sheet is based on TCEQ Regulations 30 TAC 111.201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 219, 222 and Texas Health and Safety Codes 382.083-382.087. And, as a Firewise Community we need to adhere to the regulations, as well as our State and County laws. Therefore, we are attaching guidelines for outdoor burning in CRS.

These guidelines for outdoor burning are not to add any burden to any Canyon Ridge Springs Home or Lot Owner nor are they intended to prevent any campfires or burning in outdoor fireplaces and/or fire pits but are guidelines to keep the neighborhood fire safe when a larger outdoor burn is being done. Since Canyon Ridge Springs is located in two counties, to be consistent we have incorporated the outdoor burning guidelines from both Burnet and Travis Counties (with the most stringent being used as our guideline), as well as recommendations provided by Firewise.

The Board also wanted to be sure that our POA Members are aware of the following:

- Texas Law holds the outdoor burner totally responsible for any damage that results from his fire, whether or not it complies with the TCEQ regulations. Property owners, who employ contractors/workers to clear a lot, are responsible for any damage caused by a fire started by the contractors/workers. So please be sure if you are using a contractor that they have a copy of the attached guidelines.



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- TCEQ Regulations give a local fire department the discretion to determine whether a fire is in compliance with 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 County report uncooperative violators. A fire department may be entitled to one-half of any civil penalties assessed against a violator (V.A.C.S. Article 4477-5, Sections 4.01; 4.02a (part); and 4.04(f).
- Once called to a scene, the fire department will not share in the liability of an outdoor burn. It is the department's policy 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 of an outdoor burn in noncompliance. At the department's discretion, the responsible party may be billed for the actual cost. The costs for brush fires can easily reach into the thousands of dollars, so burn with care.
- 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,

***Susan Fisher***

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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

**If you are doing an outdoor burn the Canyon Ridge Springs POA Board asks that you comply with the following:**

1. In advance of your controlled outdoor burn please contact:
  - If you live in Burnet County, please contact the Burnet County Sheriff's Office by calling 512-756-8080; or
  - If you live in Travis County, please contact the Travis County Sheriff's Office in advance of your burn by calling 512-272-4502; and
  - If you do not reside on your lot, please contact the CRS POA Board each time you do an outdoor burning at [poa@canyonridgesprings.info](mailto:poa@canyonridgesprings.info). Please note that prior to your outdoor burning an inspection of your burn site will be done to insure there is an adequate clearing to accommodate the intended burn.
2. Burning shall not be conducted after dark. Burning shall commence no earlier than an hour after sunrise and be completed on the same day no later than one hour before sunset. Please note that burning outside these hours is against the law in Burnet and Travis Counties.
3. You may burn brush, leaves, and untreated lumber -- any natural product -- generated on the 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.
4. You may not burn on windy days or during dry periods. Burn only when the wind speed is between 6 mph and 15 mph. During dry periods both Burnet and Travis County often declare "no burn" periods during which no outdoor burning is allowed. For information on burn bans you can contact the Sheriff's office of whichever county your property is located in. 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's a good time to burn, but it's not if a sudden strong wind develops.



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5. Your fire must be three-hundred feet from the nearest property that has structure(s) containing sensitive receptors (a home or building containing people, animals or vegetation) unless you have permission of the owner. Please note that if your fire or smoke is in any way responsible for a health problem of another person, you may be responsible, by law, for any cost required for treatment of the problem.
6. The immediate area around and above the burn site should be free of debris, brush, overhanging limbs and other combustibles.
7. 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.
8. The fire must be attended to at all times and must be out cold (no visible flames, glowing coals or smoke) 1 hour before sunset.
9. Burn piles are to limited to 10' x 10'
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